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MINUTES

OF THE

CONVENTION,

HELD AT

PARKER'S CHAPEL, PITT COUNTY, N. C.

November 28th & 29th, 1851.

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Proceedings.

Parker's Chapel, Pitt Co., November 28, 1851.

The Convention met this day according to appointment. Introductory sermon by Elder Miner, from Gallations 6 : 10.

After sermon, brother C. Wooten was chosen President, and Elder J. G. Barkley Clerk,—S. J. Wheeler and Wm. Pipkin called to his assistance. The object of the meeting being stated, letters were called for and read, from which the following table was composed:

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	No. of mem.	Contri but'ns
Parker's Chapel,	B Spire, R M Spire, A G Jordan,	62	1 00
Antioch,	J N Pritchard,* Thos Moore,*	100	1 00
Cedar Branch,	Henry Measle, L Gardner,* Saml Rea,*	23	50
Conoeonary,	J G Barkley, Jesse Powell, Jacob Pope,	115	1 00
Washington,	Thos Rayfield, W Cooper,* W B Harrell,*	96	1 00
Little Creek,	Jno C Jenkins, John Dawson, Levi Dawson,	67	2 00
Hancock M H,	W H Smith, Ryan Cox, A Gardner,		1 00
Bear Creek,	R L Wooten, W J Salton, C Wooten,	70	1 00
Mewburn's M H,	Parrot Mewburn, J Bartlett, G Mewburn,	71	25
Union,	W Pipkin, C Rouse, J Davis,*	33	1 00
Indian Springs,	Wm Vernon,* John Lewis,* Curtis Badd,*	60	
Pleasant Grove,	W Grady,* D Lee,* Wm Davenport,*	21	
Prospect,	Jesse Hardee,* Danl Wooten,* W C Turner,*	70	
Friendship,	B Herring,* A B Herring,*	6	
Ellis' M H,	J Bynum,* John Carter, H Pitt,*	51	3 00
Grindle Creek,	J D Elwell, C C Moore, E Diekson,	20	1 00
Greenville,	T A Gorham, D R Wallis,	27	2 00
	Those marked * absent.		

Brethren Jordan, Pope and Rouse were appointed a Committee of Finance. Corresponding letters were then called for, and one from the Chowan Association was handed in.

Visiting brethren were then invited, and the following recognized:

From the Chowan—Elders Waff, Etheridge and S. J. Wheeler.

Union—Biddle, Wallis, Guy, Miner and Newton.

Yadkin—C. W. Bessent.

Portsmouth—Elder G. W. Johnston and James Brown.

The following brethren were appointed a committee to draft Constitution, Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum for the Association about to be formed. Elders Miner, Biddle, Mewburn, Wallis, Elwell, Johnston, and brethren Ellis, Oliver, Carrol, Pipkin, Powell, Wheeler and C. Wooten.

The following brethren were appointed a Committee to whom was referred the letters addressed to this body, and to report to the constituency: Elder Barkley, J. Powell, John Dawson.

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Levi Dawson, Calvin Rouse, A. G. Jordan, R. L. Wooten and J. D. Elwell were appointed a committee to supply the stage during the session.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Elder Mewburn.

SATURDAY, 29th.

Conference met according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder Biddle. Roll called and proceedings of yesterday read. Elder Mark Bennett from Tar River Association appeared and took a seat with us.

Committee on Constitution, Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum reported. Report received and Committee discharged. Report ordered to be printed, which is as follows :

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

PAMLICO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. This body shall be known as the Pamlico Baptist Association of North Carolina.

2. This body shall be composed of delegates chosen annually by the churches, each church being entitled to three delegates, who shall bear a letter stating the present condition and progress during the past year ; the names of their Pastors, Clerks and delegates ; the number added by baptism and letter, both white and colored ; the number excluded and deceased, also the number dismissed by letter ; the number of Sabbath Schools and Bible classes ; the amount contributed for benevolent objects and whatever may be for the interest of the body.

3. The Association shall appoint annually a Moderator, whose duty it shall be, to preserve order, nominate committees, and conduct the business of the Association with dispatch. Also a Secretary and Treasurer, who shall serve during the pleasure of the body.

4. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men, by means of a preached gospel ; the purity and activity of the churches, in wielding our influence, talent, and wealth, to the glory of God and the salvation of sinners.

5. Each church will be expected to contribute according to their ability to support the preached gospel among them, to defray the incidental expenses of the churches at home, and the Association in printing her proceedings, and sustain all her benevolent operations.

6. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a faithful record of all the proceedings of the body, in book provided for that purpose, and of the Treasurer, to receive, keep and pay over, all the funds committed to his hands, promptly as ordered by the body.

7. It shall be the province of the Association to appoint a prudential committee, to whom the consummation of any measure may be submitted, which committee shall be amenable for their official acts to the Association.

8. Churches may become members of this body by petition and recommendation upon an examination, and correspondence with other bodies shall be conducted by letter, and exchange of minutes, or the appointment of delegates as the body may dictate.

9. This Association will maintain fellowship with such churches only, as maintain purity of doctrine, gospel discipline, and exercise a mutual watch and care over her members, and respect the Constitution of the Association.

10. This body will require of ministers credentials, or certificates of character and standing to be presented to the body, or any church within its bounds, prior to reception in this body; and regard as valid the ordination of only such men, as give evidence of a work of grace upon the heart, and as are called of God to preach the gospel, and are approved by some church particularly, and generally by the Association.

11. The annual meeting of this body shall be held at such time and place, as the Association shall appoint.

12. The Association shall have a sermon annually, as the first business of the Association.

13. This constitution may be altered or amended by the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

DECLARATION OF FAITH.

I. OF THE SCRIPTURES.

We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end; and truth without any mixture of error for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us; and therefore is, and shall remain, to the end of the world, the true centre of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and opinions should be tried.

II. OF THE TRUE GOD.

That there is one, and only one, true and living God, whose name is JEHOVAH, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of Heaven and Earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness; worthy of all possible honor, confidence, and love; revealed under the personal and relative distinctions of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

III. OF THE FALL OF MAN.

That man was created in a state of holiness, under the law of his Maker; but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state; in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint but choice; being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, wholly given to the gratification of the world, of Satan, and of their own sinful passions, and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defence, or excuse.

IV. OF THE WAY OF SALVATION.

That the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace; through the Mediatorial Offices of the Son of God, who took upon Him our nature yet without sin; honored the law by His personal obedience, and made atonement for our sins by His death; being risen from the dead He is now enthroned in heaven; and uniting in His wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections, is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate, and an all-sufficient Saviour.

V. OF JUSTIFICATION.

That the great gospel blessing which Christ of His fulness bestows on such as believe in him is Justification; that Justification consists in the pardon of sin and the promise of eternal life, on principles of righteousness; that it is bestowed not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through His own redemption and righteousness; that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.

VI. OF THE FREENESS OF SALVATION.

That the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel, that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial and obedient faith; and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth, but his own determined depravity and voluntary rejection of the gospel, which rejection will submit him to an aggravated condemnation.

VII. OF GRACE IN REGENERATION.

That in order to be saved we must be regenerated or born again; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind; and is effected in a manner above our comprehension or calculation; by the power of the Holy Spirit, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the gospel; and that its proper evidence is found in the holy fruit which we bring forth to the glory of God.

VIII. OF GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE.

That Election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, sanctifies, and saves sinners; that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely wise, holy, and unchangeable; that it utterly excludes boasting and promotes humility, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of his free mercy; that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree; that it is ascertained by its effects in all who believe the gospel; it is the foundation of Christian assurance; and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves, demands and deserves our utmost diligence.

IX. OF THE PERSEVERANCE OF SAINTS.

That such only are real believers as endure unto the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special Providence watches over their welfare; and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

X. HARMONY OF THE LAW AND GOSPEL.

That the Law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of His moral government; that it is holy, just. and good; and the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfil its precepts, arises entirely from their love of sin; to deliver them from which, and to restore them through a Mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy law, is one great end of the gospel, and of the Means of Grace connected with the establishment of the visible church.

XI. OF A GOSPEL CHURCH.

That a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by His laws; and exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His word; that its only proper officers are Bishops or Pastors, and Deacons, whose qualifications, claims, and duties are defined in the Epistles to Timothy and Titus.

name of the Father, Son, and Spirit; to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Savior; that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation; and to the Lord's Supper, in which the members of the church by the use of bread and wine are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ; preceded always by solemn self-examination.

XIII. OF THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.

That the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, or Christian Sabbath; and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes, by abstaining from all secular labor and sinful recreations; by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both private and public; and by preparation for that rest that remaineth for the people of God.

XIV. OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

That civil government is of divine appointment, for the interests and good order of human society; and that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored, and obeyed, except in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of the conscience, and the Prince of the kings of the earth.

XV. OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED.

That there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the Spirit of our God, are truly righteous in his esteem; while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in his sight wicked, and under the curse; and this distinction holds among men both in and after death.

XVI. OF THE WORLD TO COME.

That the end of this world is approaching; that at the Last Day, Christ will descend from heaven, and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged by endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy; and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1st. At each meeting of the body for business, the Moderator, or, in his absence, the Secretary, shall call the Association to order, at which time the body will hear a sermon by some one previously appointed.

2nd. The order shall be after sermon, first the election of a Moderator, second the appointment of the Committee of Arrangements—a committee on letters—a committee on benevolent efforts, and a committee to arrange the services of the session.

3d. The presiding officer shall, as far as in him lies, maintain a strict conformity to the Constitution and Rules of Decorum of the Association. He shall appoint Committees, decide questions of order, and give his views on any point under discussion, after others are done speaking.

4th. The names of the delegates shall be called each day of the session, previous to proceeding to business, and minutes of the preceding meeting read and approved.

5th. The members shall observe that respect towards the officers and each other, which becometh those that reverence God—whose they are, and whom they serve. When any member is about to speak in debate, or make any remarks, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address the Moderator,—shall confine himself to the question under consideration, and avoid all personalities. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave.

6th. When a motion is made without a second, it shall not receive attention; but if seconded, it shall be stated by the Moderator, or if in writing shall be read by the Secretary before debate.

7th. After a motion is stated by the Moderator or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed in the possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn at any time by the mover, previous to discussion.

8th. When a question is on debate, no motion or proposition shall be received, but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend or postpone indefinitely: which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

9th. When a motion has been carried, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority to move a reconsideration thereof on the same day.

10th. When a subject is presented and is promptly opposed by any member, it shall be admitted to consideration only by vote of the Association.

11th. No member shall absent himself from the meeting of the Association, unless he have permission, or be sick or unable to attend.

12th. All questions except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13th. These rules of order may be altered or amended at any annual cession of the Association by the vote of two thirds of the delegates present.

The Convention having accomplished the object of its creation, now became extinct.

Proceedings of the Association.

The Association was organized by the election of brother Council Wooten Moderator, Elder J. G. Barkley, Clerk and brother John Dawson, Treasurer. Elders Johnston, Biddle, Etheridge, and Bennet were appointed to preach on Sabbath.

Committee to whom was referred the letters, reported—report received and Committee discharged.

Resolved, That the next session of this body be held with the church at Ellis' meeting house, Edgecomb county, N. C., to commence Friday before the third Lord's day in November, 1852. Elder Mewburn to preach the introductory at eleven A. M. Elder Barkley his alternate. Elder Elwell to preach the charity sermon on Saturday.

MINUTES

OF THE

SECOND SESSION

OF THE

PAMLICO

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT

ELLIS'S MEETING-HOUSE, EDGECOMBE CO., N. C.

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Proceedings.

Ellis's Meeting House, Edgecombe county, N. C.,
November 19th, 1852.

The Association met this day according to appointment. Elder Mewbern not being present in time, the Introductory was delivered by Elder J. G. Barkley from Mark 16 : 16—" Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." The Association was then called together by the former Moderator. Prayer by Elder Mark Bennett. The letters from the churches were called for and read.

The pastor and deacons of this church were appointed a Committee to supply the stand during the session. Brethren Hardy, Jordan and Pitt were appointed a committee of finance. On motion of brother Elwell, petitionary letters were called for; and letters from Quanky Chapel, Albemarle, White Chapel, Mount Zion, St. Johns, Sound Side and Snow Hill, were handed in and referred to a Committee of five, viz: Elders Elwell, Bennett, Lansdell, Mewbern and Rayfield, who having examined their delegates, reported them orthodox, whereupon they were received and the right hand of fellowship extended to them. Corresponding messengers were then called for. Brother David Hardy from the Tar River Association, presented himself and took his seat.

Brothers J. Wood and S. Alexander were appointed tellers to superintend the election of Moderators, whereupon brother C. Wooten was elected Moderator, Elder J. G. Barkley Clerk, and brother H. Johnson assistant Treasurer.

Brethren Bennett, Elwell and Mewbern were appointed a Committee on Benevolence.

Brethren S. Alexander, Devenport and Walker were appointed a Committee on Sabbath Schools.

On motion, brother Minor was added to the Committee on Benevolence. Brethren Lansdale, Elwell and Hardy were the Committee on Temperance.

Brethren Minor, Halsy and Wallace on Periodicals.

Adjourned until to-morrow ten o'clock. Prayer by Elder Minor.

Saturday Morning, 10 o'clock.

Association met according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder Lansdale. Proceedings of yesterday read. Roll called. Committee on Arrangement reported; report received and committee discharged.

1. Call the list. 2. Call for letters. 3. Invite visiting brethren. 4. Committee's report. 5. Time and place of holding the next Association. 6. What will churches pledge for the support of itinerant preaching. 7. Ap-

point messengers to corresponding bodies. 8. Resolutions. 9, Appoint or arrange columns in future minutes, time of Annual Meetings, Ministers and Clerks' post office addresses. 10. Give the name of ministers ordained.—11, Adjournment.

Petitionary letters called for: one from Goldsboro was handed in and read; and her delegate received the right hand of fellowship.

Visiting brethren were invited to take seats with us, when brethren L. F. Williams, B. Oliver and D. Carroll presented a letter from the Union Association and took their seats.

Committee on Benevolence reported; report received and committee discharged.

Your Committee on benevolent effort respectfully report, Whereas, the territory embraced within the bounds of this Association is almost destitute of the word of life and other means of religious instruction. And whereas, the harvest is plenteous and laborers are few. Your Committee would recommend the churches of this Association and each member thereof, to enter immediately upon the work of supplying this destitution with the word of life by means of a preached gospel. Distributing the Bible, establishing Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes were practicable. By introducing the Biblical Recorder and Home and Foreign Journal and the publications of the Southern Baptist Publication Society, thus enlightening the minds of our population, and preparing the way for a just apprehension and appreciation of the wants and claims of the Baptist State Convention of this State and the Southern Board of Foreign Missions. Who can contemplate what God has wrought within the last fifty years through the agency of the church and by the Holy Spirit—enlivening and animating and prompting to all those high and holy aims, so nearly allied to those of the Son of God in his mission to our world. Brethren, these are claims worthy of a cheerful and vigorous effort, to sustain by our means our influence and our prayers. Your Committee would recommend the observance of the first Monday in January as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer; also the first Sabbath evening in each month as a concert of prayer. We would recommend the continuance of your Executive Committee and the employment by them of as many itinerants as the benevolence of the churches and friends of the cause will sustain.

JOSEPH HALSEY, *Chairman.*

Committee on Temperance reported, and after remarks from brethren Bennett, Minor and Barkley, were unanimously adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Temperance, beg leave to report, that they consider the subject of Temperance as agitated in the present age, of great importance not only to the community at large, but also to every lover of virtue and good morals, and particularly to those professing godliness, as having for its object the amelioration of the condition of many of the human family. We consider therefore, we advocates of Temperance, as occupying a very prominent position in the ranks of those who labor for the benefit, well being and elevation of suffering humanity, and worthy of encouragement and support by all who have in view the same great object. That every christian should advocate and give his support to this cause, we sincerely believe. Whether however he should unite with any particular society, for the promotion of this cause, should be entirely discretionary with himself, but we are fully convinced, that this is not the time for, nor do existing circumstances justify silence on, this subject. Since such strenuous efforts are continually being made from certain sources against this cause, Total Abstinence, we believe, should not be made a test of church fellowship, but in all cases we believe it to be the safest and most prudent course. We are also of opinion that, it is not in accordance with the Christian spirit for men to engage in the sale of intoxicating drinks as an article of common traffic, as it is only opening the door for vice and degredation.—Nothing, therefore, which has a tendency to demoralize the people should be encouraged, but on the contrary every laudable effort should be used against it. All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. J. LANSDALE, *Chairman.*

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported; report received and ordered to be printed.

We, as the Committee of Sunday Schools, beg leave to report—

1. *Resolved*, That every regular Missionary Baptist Pastor within the Pamlico Association become more interested in the cause of Sunday Schools.

2. *Resolved*, That they use every effort in their power in furnishing the churches under their supervision with such libraries as shall suit said churches.

3. *Resolved*, That they also see that such teachers be selected as will take an interest in instructing the pupils that shall come under their charge, in those truths that were purchased by the blood of Jesus.

4. Be it also *Resolved*, That said teachers avail themselves of every opportunity of instructing their pupils in such truths, as shall redown to the honor and glory of Almighty God.

5. Be it furthermore *Resolved*, That every member of the Regular Baptist church employ the facilities which have been committed to their care, in advancing the cause of Sunday Schools, in order that the rising generation may be better instructed in the truths delivered to us by the sufferings of Jesus.

S. M. ALEXANDER, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That the next session of this body be held with the Albemarle church, Terrell county, commencing on Friday before the first Sabbath in November, 1853; and that Elder Mark Bennett preach the introductory, Elder H. Minor be his alternate.

Resolved, That the churches be called on to pledge for the itinerancy; whereupon $244.50 were pledged.

Resolved, That the church at Washington be discontinued on our minutes.

Resolved, That the Constitution, Rules of Decorum, and Declarations of Religious Principles, be appended to our minutes. Amend the 2nd rule by striking out all after sermon, and introducing the following:

The order after sermon shall be—first, the calling the churches and enrolling the names of the delegates; second, the election of a Moderator; third, a Committee on Nomination; fourth, a Committee on Letters, a Committee on Benevolent Effort, and a Committee to arrange the public service of the session.

Whereas, We feel that as a denomination it is highly important that we patronize and build up our own Colleges, Seminaries and Academies, sensible that hitherto our remissness in this respect has been attended with a two-fold evil, of sending our children to sectarian schools in which their predilections have too frequently engaged to human creeds and the tradition of men, and also of keeping our own schools in a languishing condition. Therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend to our brethren particularly, and to the public generally, Wake Forest College, founded in the prayers and sustained by the benefaction of the Baptists of North Carolina, as being in every way worthy of their patronage and support, and as having pressing and peculiar claims upon every Baptist and friend of Baptist sentiments.

Resolved, That as mothers have much influence in giving directions to the principles of the young, and consequently of determining their future course in life, we would recommend likewise to the favorable consideration of our brethren as well as of the public in general, the following Female Schools, viz: the Chowan Female Institute, the Sedgewick Seminary, and the Oxford Female College, as centers of instruction, in which they may feel the assurance that in addition to the fact, that their intellectual and moral culture will receive an attention which would not suffer by comparison with that received in any school in our State, that their children and wards will be free from sectarian bias.

Resolved, That we likewise commend to the favorable notice of the brethren and community generally, the preparatory school located in Greenville and Snow Hill, under the care of brethren D. R. Wallace and Duval, a school which, from our acquaintance with the character of these gentlemen, we can assure them are entitled to their liberal patronage and support.

Resolved, That we recommend to all the churches in this Association, to appoint some efficient brother to open a book of benevolence and present it to each member for his or her subscription of the amount of their liberality for benevolent objects for the current year.

Resolved, That this Association be recognized auxiliary to the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Resolved, That the same Executive Committee be appointed for the ensuing year, with the addition of R. Devenport and J. Hines.

Resolved, That the Clerk write a corresponding letter appended to the minutes, and send a copy to each Association in the State.

Resolved, That any brother attending an Association carrying a copy of our minutes, be recognized as a delegate.

Resolved, That any member of this body that may attend the Baptist State Convention carrying a copy of our minutes, be recognized as a delegate.

Whereas, The ministers and deacons in the bounds of this Association have organized a meeting, having for its object the mutual benefit and improvement of those composing said meeting.

Resolved, That this Association highly approve said meeting, and recommend that all the ministers and deacons within our bounds attend said meeting as often as practicable.

Resolved, That we recommend to all the churches and individuals composing this Association, to remember the Lord's day, to keep it holy by abstaining from travelling, visiting, worldly conversation, and whatever tends to divert the mind from the holy designs and purposes of the blessed day, and that churches cause the minutes to be read in each church respectively.

Resolved, That this Association recommend to all the churches in our bounds to adopt the Baptist Psalmody as their hymn book.

The Executive Committee reported as follows:

Report of the Executive Committee to the Ministers, Messengers and Delegates that may compose Pamlico Association in its second session at Ellis's Meeting House, Edgecombe county, N. C., to commence on the Friday before the 3d Sabbath in November.

DEAR BRETHREN:—We your Committee, have been regular in our attendance at the several meetings herein mentioned.

Meeting the 1st, held at Bear Creek, Lenoir county, N. C., on Friday the 27th of ———, 1853. Brethren present—Council Wooten, J. Dawson, Levi Dawson, W. H. Smith, Thomas H. Gorham, C. C. Moore, Edward R. Loward and A. G. Jordan.

After being organized, there were many interesting remarks from several of the Rev. gentlemen that were present. After which Rev. J. D. Elwell, our Agent, presented his report which was read. We then secured the services of Rev. G. W. Johnston for the churches at Greenville and Washington, and advised our Clerk to correspond with Rev. J. J. Lansdale, and employ him for the counties of Washington and Terrell. Collection of pledges was then taken up, and the sum of $59.50 was raised from them. Rev. J. G. Barkley then informed your Committee that the minutes of the Convention and Association had been transcribed and struck, and were ready for distribution, for which your Committee ordered the Treasurer to pay said Barkley ten dollars. Brother Thomas H. Gorham was ordered to pay for publishing the minutes, and have them distributed by mail and present his account, which account is twenty-three dollars.

The second meeting of your Committee was held in Plymouth, Washington county, N. C. Members present—C. Wooten, J. Halsey, S. Dawson, L. Dawson, W. H. Smith, A. G. Jordan. Rev. J. D. Elwell presented his report as follows:—I have preached 111 sermons, baptized 156 persons, received 11 that were not baptized. Assisted by brother Lansdale, I have constituted one church, have collected on subscription $57.35, by contribution $23.15, and gained in subscriptions unpaid $17. Amount total $80.50. This meeting was encouraging to us, though we did not fully get the services of brother Lansdale owing to accident. We collected from pledges $29.50, whole amount $110.

Third meeting at Greenville, Pitt county. Members present—C. Wooten, J. Dawson, W. H. Smith, Thomas A. Gorham, and A. G. Jordan. Report from Agent as follows:—Preached 94 sermons, baptized 159 persons, collected in cash $51.85, on subscriptions $51.85; with the help of brother Lansdale constituted three churches. And the report of brother Lansdale was read from the 15th of June, and it was cheering to us. Received at this time from pledges $51 dollars—whole amount $161.

Fourth meeting at Little Creek, Green county, N. C. Owing to the sickly season, this return is not so cheering. Our Agents reported but 28 days' labour, having preached 16 sermons, baptized but 2 persons, and ordained some deacons; collected $10.80. Report of brother Lansdale:—I have preached 21 sermons, baptized 11 persons, received from congregations $11.75, received from pledges $25; in all this meeting $46.55. Our Agent finally reports that he preached 221 sermons, baptized 328 persons.

We, your Committee, cheerfully submit the above report, and hope that those that may succeed us, may be divinely aided and do much good.

A. G. JORDAN, *Clerk.*

Corresponding messengers were appointed then as follows:

To Union Association—Elders H. Minor, J. D. Elwell.

To the Chowan—Elder J. J. Lansdale, brother R. Devenport.

Tar River—Elders J. D. Elwell, J. G. Barkley.

The Committee on Finance reported as received from the churches $33.

The Clerk was ordered to have printed of our minutes one thousand copies; to be allowed $10 for his services.

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Executive Board transmit the amount expended by them to the Baptist State Convention annually.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be returned to the friends of this vicinity for their hospitality.

Adjourned to time and place above-mentioned; prayer by Elder Bennett.

A List of Elders and their Post Offices.

J. D. Elwell,	Columbia, Terrell county.
B. Mewbern,	Snow Hill, Green "
J. J. Lansdale,	Plymouth, Washington county.
T W Rayfield,	Pactolus, Pitt county.
J. G. Barkley,	Enfield, Halifax county.
M. Bennett,	Tarborough, Edgecombe county.
William Vernon,	White Hall.
H. Minor,	Goldsboro, Wayne county.
LICENTIATE.	
Henry Wilks,	Greenville, Pitt county.

A List of Churches, Clerks, with their Post Offices.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	COUNTY.
Antioch,	R. W. Pritchet,	Botanic Hill,	Nash.
Albemarle,	J. Halsey,	Columbia,	Terrell.
Bear Creek,	C. Wooten,	Mosely Hall,	Lenoir.
Conoconary,	E. P. Powell,	Greenwood,	Halifax.
Cedar Branch,	H. Hardison,	Gardner's Bridge,	Martin.
Ellis's M. H.,	H. B. S. Pitt,	Sparta,	Edgecombe.
Friendship,	Benj. Herring,	Goldsboro,	Wayne.
Greenville,	B. Wallace,	Greenville,	Pitt.
Grindol Creek,	J. Dawson,	Pactolus,	Pitt.
Goldsboro,	Justice Daniel,	Goldsboro,	Wayne.
Hancocks,	A. Ellis,	Greenville,	Pitt.
Little Creek,	J. C. C. Jenkins,	Ridge Spring,	Pitt.
Mewbern's,	Geo. Mewbern,	Snow Hill,	Green.
Mount Zion,	E. P. Melson,	Columbia,	Terrell.
Parker's Chapel,	R. M. Spire,	Greenville,	Pitt.
Quanky Chapel,	R. H. Walker,	Halifax,	Halifax.
Saint John's,	D. Woodly,	Scuppernong,	Washington.
Sound Side,	H. Sutton,	Columbia,	Terrell.
Snow Hill,	A. H. Dowell,	Snow Hill,	Green.
Union,	Calvin Rous,	Stray Bend,	Lenoir.
Free Chapel,	E. Man,	Scuppernong,	Washington.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	Yearly Meeting.	Baptized.	Rec'd by letter.	Restored.	Died.	Dismissed.	Expelled.	Whites.	Colored.	Total.	Contributions.
Antioch,	R W Pritchet, T Christie,	3 Nov	8			1		1	59	17	76	1 50
Albemarle,	S Alexander, J Halsey, R Devenport,	1 Aug									109	2 00
Bear Creek,	J Hines, L M Hardy,	1 Aug				1	4				73	3 00
Conoconary,	J G Barkley, E P Powell,	1 Nov	9			1		3			137	1 50
Cedar Branch,	H Measel, H Hardison,	4 Aug	4	2					20	13	33	50
Ellis's M H,	J Byron, H B S Pitt, J Carter,	2 April		1				5			45	1 00
Friendship,	W Vernon, B Herring, A J Herring,	2 Aug	3	1							10	1 50
Greenville,	J S Brown, D R Wallace, T A Gorham,		49				4	1			70	3 00
Grindol Creek,	J D Elwell, C Moore, J Dudley,	2 Oct				1					20	1 00
Goldsboro,	H Miner, J Daniel,	3 Dec	2	3			5		23	4	27	1 00
Handcocks,	W H Smith, B Cox, J C Cox,	4 Aug	2	1							57	2 00
Indian Springs,		"									70	
Little Creek,	J W Dawson, J C Jenkins, H Johnson,	1 Aug	1								60	2 00
Mewbern's,	J Bartlet, G Mewbern, R Mewbern,	3 Sept	4		1						22	2 00
Mount Zion,	W Beasley, J H Combs,	3 July									49	1 00
Parker's Chapel,	A G Jordan, B Spires, R M Spires,	3 Sept	1	1							44	2 00
Pleasant Grove,											21	
Prospect,											70	
Quanky,	R H Walker, J Powell,										53	1 00
St John's,	L M Phelps, J H Phelps,	3 July									42	1 50
Sound Side,	T M Alexander, W Brickhouse,	2 June									75	2 00
Snow Hill,	Jonathan Wood, A Phelps,	4 Sept									10	2 00
Union,	W Rouse, W Pipkin, C Rouse,	2 Sept	2	1					17	16	33	2 00
Free Chapel,	J J Lansdale, J J Linsy, E Man,	4 May										

LETTER OF CORRESPONDENCE.

The Pamlico Baptist Association in Session at Ellis's Meeting-House, Edgecombe county, N. C., to her sister Associations, Greeting:

Dear Brethren :—In looking over the destitution that prevailed over the portion of our State lying between the Neuse and Roanoke rivers down to the Sound, we felt that something must be done, and concluded the most effectual plan would be the formation of an Association, which was accomplished November, 1851, with nineteen churches and four or five ministers; who met at the time and place above-mentioned, and from the success with which our efforts have been crowned, having increased our number to twenty-one churches, we are encouraged in the good and great work in which we have engaged.

We here wish to present ourselves for sisterhood in the great family of Associations, and ask the co-operation of all.

Our next will be held with the Albemarle church in Tyrrell county; we hope to meet many corresponding delegates, who will aid us by their council and prayers.

J. G. BARKLEY.

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
PAMLICO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. This body shall be known as the Pamlico Baptist Association of North Carolina.

2. This body shall be composed of delegates chosen annually by the churches, each church being entitled to three delegates, who shall bear a letter stating the present condition and progress during the past year; the names of their Pastors, Clerks and delegates; the number added by baptism and letter, both white and colored; the number excluded and deceased, also the number dismissed by letter; the number of Sabbath Schools and Bible classes; the amount contributed for benevolent objects and whatever may be for the interest of the body.

3. The Association shall appoint annually a Moderator, whose duty it shall be, to preserve order, nominate committees, and conduct the business of the Association with despatch. Also a Secretary and Treasurer, who shall serve during the pleasure of the body.

4. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men, by means of a preached gospel; the purity and activity of the churches, in wielding our influence, talent, and wealth, to the glory of God and the salvation of sinners.

5. Each church will be expected to contribute according to their ability to support the preached gospel among them, to defray the incidental expenses of the churches at home, and the Association in printing her proceedings, and sustain all her benevolent operations.

6. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a faithful record of all the proceedings of the body, in a book provided for that purpose, and of the Treasurer, to receive, keep and pay over, all the funds committed to his hands, promptly as ordered by the body.

7. It shall be the province of the Association to appoint a prudential committee, to whom the consummation of any measure may be submitted, which committee shall be amenable for their official acts to the Association.

8. Churches may become members of this body by petition and recommendation upon an examination, and correspondence with other bodies shall be conducted by letter, and exchange of minutes, or the appointment of delegates as the body may dictate.

9. This Association will maintain fellowship with such churches only, as maintain purity of doctrine, gospel discipline, and exercise a mutual watch and care over her members, and respect the Constitution of the Association.

10. This body will require of ministers credentials, or certificates of character and standing to be presented to the body, or any church within its bounds, prior to reception in this body; and regard as valid the ordination of only such men, as give evidence of a work of grace upon the heart, and as are called of God to preach the gospel, and are

approved by some church particularly, and generally by the Association.

11. The annual meeting of this body shall be held at such time and place, as the Association shall appoint.

12. The Association shall have a sermon annually, as the first business of the Association.

13. This Constitution may be altered or amended by the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

DECLARATION OF FAITH.

I. OF THE SCRIPTURES.

We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end; and truth without any mixture of error for its matter ; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us ; and therefore is, and shall remain, to the end of the world, the true centre of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and opinions should be tried.

II. OF THE TRUE GOD.

That there is one, and only one, true and living God, whose name is JEHOVAH, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of Heaven and Earth ; inexpressibly glorious in holiness ; worthy of all possible honor, confidence, and love ; revealed under the personal and relative distinctions of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost ; equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

III. OF THE FALL OF MAN.

That man was created in a state of holiness, under the law of his Maker ; but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state ; in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint but choice ; being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, wholly given to the gratification of the world, of Satan, and of their own sinful passions, and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defence, or excuse.

IV. OF THE WAY OF SALVATION.

That the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace ; through the Mediatorial Offices of the Son of God, who took upon Him our nature yet without sin ; honored the law by his personal obedience, and made atonement for our sins by His death; being risen from the dead He is now enthroned in heaven; and uniting in His wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections, is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate, and an all-sufficient Saviour.

V. OF JUSTIFICATION.

That the great gospel blessing which Christ of His fullness bestows on such as believe in him is Justification; that Justification consists in the pardon of sin and the promise of eternal life, on principles of righteousness; that it is bestowed not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through His own redemption and righteousness; that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.

VI. OF THE FREENESS OF SALVATION.

That the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel, that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial and obedient faith; and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth, but his own determined depravity and voluntary rejection of the gospel, which rejection will submit him to an aggrevated condemnation.

VII. OF GRACE IN REGENERATION.

That in order to be saved we must be regenerated or born again; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind; and is effected in a manner above our comprehension or calculation; by the power of the Holy Spirit, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the gospel; and that its proper evidence is found in the holy fruit which we bring forth to the glory of God.

VIII. OF GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE.

That Election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, sanctifies, and saves sinners; that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely wise, holy, and unchangeable; that it utterly excludes boasting and promotes humility, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of his free mercy; that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree; that it is ascertained by its effects in all who believe the gospel; it is the foundation of Christian assurance; and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves, demands and deserves our utmost diligence.

IX. OF THE PERSEVERANCE OF SAINTS.

That such only are real believers as endure unto the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special Providence watches over their welfare; and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

X. HARMONY OF THE LAW AND GOSPEL.

That the Law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of His moral government; that it is holy, just, and good; and the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfill its precepts, arises entirely from their love of sin; to deliver them from which, and to restore them through a Mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy law, is one great end of the gospel, and of the Means of Grace connected with the establishment of the visible church.

XI. OF A GOSPEL CHURCH.

That a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by His laws; and exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His word; that its only proper officers are Bishops or Pastors, and Deacons, whose qualifications, claims, and duties are defined in the Epistles to Timothy and Titus.

XII. OF BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER.

That Christian Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, in the name of the Father, Son, and Spirit; to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Savior; that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation; and to the Lord's Supper, in which the members of the church by the use of bread and wine are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ; preceded always by solemn self-examination.

XIII. OF THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.

That the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, or Christian Sabbath; and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes, by abstaining from all secular labor and sinful recreations; by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both private and public; and by preparation for that rest that remaineth for the people of God.

XIV. OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

That civil government is of divine appointment, for the interests and good order of human society; and that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored, and obeyed, except in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of the conscience, and the Prince of the kings of the earth.

XV. OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED.

That there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the spirit of our God, are truly righteous in his esteem; while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in his sight wicked, and under the curse; and this distinction holds among men both in and after death.

XVI. OF THE WORLD TO COME.

That the end of this world is approaching; that at the Last Day, Christ will descend from heaven, and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged by endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy; and that this judgement will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1st. At each meeting of the body for business, the Moderator, or, in his absence, the Secretary, shall call the Association to order, at which time the body will hear a sermon by some one previously appointed.

2nd. The order after sermon shall be—first, calling the churches and enrolling the names of delegates; second, the election of a Moderator; third, a Committee on Nomination; fourth, Committee on Letters, fifth, Committee on Benovolent Effort; sixth, Committee to arrange the public service of the session.

3d. The presiding officer shall, as far as in him lies, maintain a strict conformity to the Constitution and Rules of Decorum of the Association. He shall appoint Committees, decide questions of order, and give his views on any point under discussion, after others are done speaking.

4th. The names of the delegates shall be called each day of the session, previous to proceeding to business, and minutes of the preceding meeting read and approved.

5th. The members shall observe that respect towards the officers and each other, which becometh those that reverence God—whose they are, and whom they serve. When any member is about to speak in debate, or make any remarks, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address the Moderator—shall confine himself to the question under consideration, and avoid all personalities. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave,

6th. When a motion is made without a second, it shall not receive attention; but if seconded, it shall be stated by the Moderator, or if in writing shall be read by the Secretary before debate.

7th. After a motion is stated by the Moderator or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed in the possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn at any time by the mover, previous to discussion.

8th. When a question is on debate, no motion or proposition shall be received, but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend or postpone indefinitely: which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

9th. When a motion has been carried, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority to move a reconsideration thereof on the same day.

10th. When a subject is presented and is promptly opposed by any member, it shall be admitted to consideration only by vote of the Association.

11th. No member shall absent himself from the meeting of the Association, unless he have permission, or be sick or unable to attend.

12. All questions except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13th. These rules of order may be altered or amended at any annual session of the Association by the vote of two-thirds of the delegates present.

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRD ANNUAL SESSION,

OF THE

PAMLICO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

ALBEMARLE, TYRRELL COUNTY, N. C.,

NOVEMBER 4--6, 1853.

REV. J. J. LANSDELL, CLERK.

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PROCEEDINGS.

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The Third Session of the Pamlico Association met with the Church at Albemarle Meeting House, Tyrrell County, N. C., Friday, Nov. 4th, 1853. Elder Mark Bennett, appointed at the last Session to preach the Introductory Sermon at this, being absent, that duty devolved upon, and was discharged by Elder H. Minor, alternate, in a very interesting discourse on the subject of Perseverance in Holiness, founded on 2 Cor. vii, 1: "Having, therefore, these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."

The Association was then called to order by the former Moderator, brother C. Wooten, and Elder J. J. Lansdell was appointed Clerk, pro. tem.

The following Delegates were then recognized: *Antioc*—none; *Albemarle*—Elder J. D. Elwell, S. M. Alexander and J. Halsey; *Bear Creek*—C. Wooten, L. M. Hardy and J. Hines; *Conoconary*—none; *Cedar Branch*—H. Measels, H. Hardison and L. Gardner; *Ellis' M. H.*—none; *Friendshiy*—none; *Greenville*—J. S. Brown, T. A. Gorham and R. Rouse; *Grindol Creek*—none; *Goldsborough*—Elder H. Minor and E. B. Wood; *Hancock's*—J. C. Cox, B. Cox and W. H. Smith; *Little Creek*—J. W. Dawson, L. Dawson and J. Worthington; *Mooborn's M. H.*—none; *Mount Zion*—J. H. Combs, W. J. Beasley and T. B. Basnight; *Parker's Chapel*—R. M. Speir, R. R. Speir and A. G. Jordon; *Quankey Chapel*—none; *St. John's*—A. Tarkinton, D. Woodley and S. Woodley; *Sound Side*—B. Brickhouse, J. Chaplin and H. S. Sutton; *Snow Hill*—J. Wood; *Union*—W. Pipkin, C. Rouse and H. Sutton; *Free Chapel*—Elder J. J. Lansdell, J. J. Lindsay and J. Norman.

The Association then proceeded to ballot for a Moderator. Brethren A. G. Jordon and J. Wood were appointed tellers; and on the second ballot brother C. Wooten was reported elected.

On motion of brother J. Halsey, Elder J. J. Lansdell was elected Clerk, and authorized to call to his assistance aid in the discharge of his duties, at discretion.

The Moderator then announced the following Committees :

On Nominations--J. Wood, S. M. Alexander and A. G. Jordon.

On Letters—Elders H. Minor and J. D. Elwell, and J. Halsey.

On Preaching during the Session—Elder J. D. Elwell, J J. Lindsay and S. M. Alexander

On Benevolent Effort—J. Halsey, L. Dawson and Elder H. Minor.

On Finance—W. H. Smith, J. Brown and D. Woodley.

On motion, the Association took a recess for 20 minutes, or till 2 1-2 o'clock, P. M.

2 1-2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Letters were then called for from the Churches, when the following were handed in and read*:* From Albemarle, Bear Creek, Cedar Branch, Greenville, Goldsborough, Little Creek, Hancock's, Mount Zion, Parker's Chapel, St. John's, Sound Side, Snow Hill and Free Chapel.

Messengers and Letters were then called for from sister Associations, when Elders T. Waff and D. V. Etheridge, from the Chowan Association, presented themselves and were welcomed to seats ; and a letter from the Union Association was read.

On motion, visiting Ministerial brethren were invited to seats with us.

Petitionary Letters were then called for, and received from the following Churches : Frazier's School House, Gum Neck, South Shore and Alligator Lake ; which, on motion, were referred to the Committee on Letters.

The Committee retired for consultation, and after a short absence, returned and reported favorable; and on motion, the Report was received, and said Churches accordingly received into the Association. Whereupon the Delegates present came forward and received the Right Hand of Fellowship, to wit : From Frazier's School House, S. Davenport ; from Gum Neck, E. Swain, B. Jones and L. Cahoun ; from Alligator Lake, B. Everton, D. Everton and A. Owens ; from South Shore, J. Twidey, D. Routen and J. Holmes.

Elder T. S. Yarborough preached to the congregation this afternoon.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet to-morrow, at 9 1-2 o'clock, A. M. Prayer by Elder T. Waff.

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SATURDAY, Nov. 5th, 9 1-2 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Association met to-day according to adjournment, was opened with religious services by Elder H. Minor, and called to order by the Moderator.

Letters and Delegates were received to-day from the following

Churches: Conoconary, Elder J. G. Barkley, J. Pope and E. P. Powell; Grindol Creek, C. C. Moore, J. C. Dixon and J. Q. Dudley.

Elder C. L. Purkinson, Messenger from the Tar River Association, and Elder T. S. Yarborough. Agent of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, took seats with us to-day. Elder E. A. Best was present.

Brother J. Halsey offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee of Five be appointed to take into consideration the propriety and expediency of changing the time of the meeting of this Association.

Committee under the above Resolution—J. Halsey, E. P. Powell, L. Dawson, Elders H. Minor and J. D. Elwell.

The Committee on Letters reported—Report received. See Appendix, letter A.

The Committee on Benevolent Effort reported, and after appropriate remarks by Elder J. J. Lansdell, S. M. Alexander and Elder H. Minor, the Report was received. See Appendix, letter B.

The Committee on Nominations reported, which occasioned very stirring remarks from brethren Halsey, Alexander and Jordon, and T. S. Yarborough—Report received. See Appendix, letter C.

A subspription was then opened for the support of the Agent of the Association for the ensuing year, which resulted in raising $216,00.

The Association then took a recess of 30 minutes, or till 1 o'clock, P. M.

1 O'Clock, P. M.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

The Committee on Finance reported—$31,50 for Contingent Fund, $3,00 for Itinerency; the former of which was ordered to be paid to the Treasurer of the Association, and the latter to the Executive Committee.

The Treasurer of the former Executive Committee not being prepared to report, on motion of H. Minor, he was requested to prepare and transmit his Report to the Clerk of the Association, to be inserted in the printed Minutes. See Appendix, letter D.

On motion of Elder H. Minor, it was agreed that the Executive Committee for the ensuing year shall not exceed the number of five. Committee appointed by nomination—C. Wooten, J. W. Dawson, T. A. Gorham, A. G. Jordon and W. H. Smith.

On motion of Elder Minor, the Executive Committee was located at Greenville.

On motion of brother A. G. Jordon, the Clerk of every Church is requested to open a Book of Subscription, in his Church, for the support of the Itinerancy in the bounds of this Association, and to make a quarterly return to the Executive Committee.

The Treasurer made his report, which was received. See Appendix, letter E.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the propriety and expediency of changing the time of the Session of this Association, by leave, reported verbally,—That they recommended the Thursday next preceding the second Sabbath in May as the most suitable time; which was received, and said time accordingly adopted.

RESOLTTIONS.

By Elder Minor—

Resolved, That the Clerks of the Churches composing this Association, be and are hereby requested to report in their Annual Letters, the several sums contributed by their respective Churches, or by individuals, for Benevolent Purposes.

By Elder Lansdell—

Reselved, That we regard the "Biblical Recorder" as the organ of the Baptist Denomination in this State, and that we will do all in our power for its support and circulation.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be and are hereby tendered to the citizens of this neighborhood, for the kindness with which they have been sustained during the present session.

By brother E. P. [illegible]—

Whereas, Sister Lacy a member of this Association, has, during the Associational year just closed, [illegible] a Missionary, therefore

Resolved, That this Association, at each of its Annual Meetings, take up a collection towards her and brother Lacy's support, as long as they continue on their Mission.

On motion of Elder Minor, it was

Resolved, That a public collection be taken up to-morrow, one-third of which to be appropriated to brother and sister Lacy's support, one-third to Home Itinerancy, and one-third to the Education of the rising Ministry.

On motion of Elder Lansdell, the Executive Committee was instructed to take into consideration the subject of Colportage in connexion with the Itinerancy.

The Clerk was instructed to have 1000 of the Minutes printed and distributed.

Preaching to-day by Elders E. A. Best, D. V. Etheridge and T. Waff.

On motion, the Association adjourned, to meet with the Church at Bear Creek, Lenoir County, on Thursday next preceding the second Lord's Day in May, 1854. Prayer by Elder Yarborough.

C. WOOTEN, *Moderator.*

J. J. Lansdell, *Clerk.*

SABBATH, NOVEMBER 6th, 1853.

The day was pleasant, and a large congregation was in attendance. Preaching at 11 o'clock by Elders H. Minor, T S. Yarborough and L. C. Purkinson, to separate audiences; and at 2 o'clock by Elders T. Waff and J. J. Lansdell. A collection was taken up for the purposes specified in the Resolution of Saturday, amounting to $35,38; $23,58 of which were paid over to Elder Yarborough, Agent of the State Convention, and $11,79 to Elder Minor, Agent of the Association.

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NOTE.—The letter from the Church at Union came to hand after the adjournment of the Association, presenting the statistics shown in the table. A petitionary letter from a newly constituted Church at Temperance Hall, Edgecombe County, composed of eleven members, came to hand after the adjournment—Elder Mark Bennett, delegate; also, a petitionary letter from the Church at Tarborough, of six members, was received. Each of these Churches sent one dollar to the Contingent Fund, for which they shall receive a proportionate part of the Minutes. Accompanying the letter from the Church at Tarborough, was a Letter of Dismission from the Tar River Association, to join the Pamplico Association. As these letters came to hand too late to be acted on by this Session, it is the opinion of the Clerk, that these Churches will be under the necessity of petitioning again, as it is necessary that all Petitions should be presented to the body in session, and it is questionable whether a Petition directed to the Association in session at Albemarle, could be properly acted on by the Association in session at Bear Creek. CLERK.

A TABLE *showing the location of the Churches, with their Clerks and Post Offices.*

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.
Antioc,	Nash,	R. W. Pritchet,	Botanic Hill, N. C.
Albemarle,	Tyrrell,	J. Halsey,	Columbia, "
Bear Creek,	Lenoir,	C. Wooten,	Moseley Hall, "
Conoconary,	Halifax,	W. Pittman,	Enfield, "
Cedar Branch,	Martin,	H. Hardison,	Gardner's Bridge, "
Friendship,	Wayne,	B. Herring,	Goldsborough, "
Greenville,	Pitt,	R. Rouse,	Greenville, "
Grindol Creek,	Pitt,	J. C. Dixon,	Pactolus, "
Goldsboro',	Wayne,	E. B. Wood,	Goldsborough, "
Hancock's,	Pitt,	E. Ellis,	Greenville, "
Little Creek,	Pitt,	J. C. C. Jenkins,	Ridge Spring, "
Mooborn's	Greene,	C. Mooborn,	Snow Hill, "
Mount Zion,	Tyrrell,	E. P. Melson,	Columbia, "
Parker's Ch'l,	Pitt,	R. M. Speir,	Greenville, "
Quankey Ch'l,	Halifax,	R. H. Walker,	Halifax, "
St. John's,	Washington,	D. Woodley,	Scuppernong, "
Sound Side,	Tyrrell,	H. S. Sutton,	Columbia, "
Snow Hill,	Greene,	A. H. Dowell,	Snow Hill, "
Union,	Lenoir,	C. Rouse,	Stray Bend, "
Free Chapel,	Washington,	C. N. Mason,	Scuppernong, "
Frazier's S.H.	Washington,	J. J. Davenport,	
Gum Neck,	Tyrrell,	B. Jones,	Columbia, "
Alligator Lake	Tyrrell,	J. Basnight,	Columbia, "
South Shore,	Tyrrell,	H. H. Holmes,	Columbia, "

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LIST OF ELDERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

H. MINOR, Goldsboro', N. C.
J. G. BARKLEY, Enfield, "
J. D. ELWELL, Columbia, "
T. W. RAYFIELD, Pactolus "
M. BENNETT, Tarboro', N. C.
J. J. LANSDELL, Plymouth, "
P. MOOBORN, Snow Hill, "
E A. BEST, Greenville, "
WILLIAM VERNON.

LICENTIATE--HENRY WILKS, Greenville, N. C.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Dism'd by Letter	Expelled.	Deceased.	Whites.	Colored.	Total.	Minute Funds.	Days of Meeting.	Sabbath Schools.	Teachers.	Sab Sch'l Schol'rs.	Vols in. Library.	Yearly Meetings.
Antioc,	No Report						59	17	79		3					Nov
Albemarle,	J. D. ELWELL, J. Halsey, S. M. Alexander,	9	2	1		2	87	32	119	$2 00	1					Aug
Bear Creek,	C. Wooten, L. M. Hardy,* J. Hince,*						40	36	70	4 00	1					Aug
Conoconary,	J. G. BARKLEY,* J. Pope,* E. P. Powell,	1	3			1	76	63	139	2 00	1	1	3	15		Nov.
Cedar Branch,	H. Measels, H. Hardison, L. Gardner,*						20	9	29	1 00	4					Aug
Ellis' Meeting House,	No Report—Church dissolved.								45							
Friendship,	No Report.										2					
Greenville,	J. S. Brown, T. A. Gorham,* R. Rouse,*	2		3	2		61	12	73	2 00		1	9	20	50	
Grindol Creek,	C. C. Moore, J. C. Dixon,* J. Q. Dudley,			2	1				18	2 00	1					Oct
Goldsborough,	H. MINOR, E. B. Wood,*		4	2			23	3	26		3	1	10	75	150	Dec
Hancock's,	J. C. Cox,* B. Cox,* W. H. Smith,		1				42	15	57	1 00	4					Aug
Little Creek,	J. W. Dawson, L. Dawson, J. Worthington,*			1					60	2 00	1					Aug
Mooborn's M. H.	No Report,								22		3					Sept
Mount Zion,	J. H. Combs, W. J. Beasley, T. B. Basnight,	1		1		6			49	2 00	3					July
Parker's Chapel,	R. R. Speir,* R. M. Speir,* A. G. Jordon,						40	7	47	1 00	3					Sept
Quankey Chapel,	No Report,								53							
St. John's,	A. Tarkenton, D. Woodley, S. Woodley,	2		2		1			45	2 00	3					July
Sonud Side,	B. Brickhouse,* J. Chaplin, H. S. Sutton,			2	1	1	64	11	75	2 00	2					J'ne
Snow Hill,	J. Wood,	2							9	2 00	4					Sept
Union,	W. Pipkin,* C. Rouse,* H. Sutton,*						17	16	33	2 00	2					Sept
Free Chapel,	J. J. LANSDELL, J. J. Lindsay, J. Norman,	4		9	2				120	2 00	4					May
Frazier's Sch. House,†	S. Davenport,								16	1 00						

Gum Neck,†	E. Swain, B. Jones, L. Cahoun,								31	2 00					
Alligator Lake,†	B. Everton,* D. Everton,* A. Owens,*								28	1 00					
South Shore,†	J. Twiday, D. Routen, J. Holmes,								26	2 00					
	Ordained *M*inisters in small CAPITALS.	21	10	23	6	11	529	215	1266	33 00		3	22	110	200

Those marked thus (*) were absent—Churches marked thus (†) were received at this Session. Many of the Letters did not present as full Statistics as is required. If Clerks, in writing the yearly Letters, will place the above table before them, it will be a guide to them.

Where a Church is marked "No Report," I have been guided by the Statistics of last year, which, doubtless, occasions some inaccuracy. As there was no report of any Restored, I have omitted that column.

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APPENDIX.

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A.
Report on Letters.

The Committee to whom were referred the Letters of the Association, Report:

That they perceive no necessity for a very extended report. The letters are in proper form,* presenting such statistical information as is required by the Constitution of the Association.

The Church at Bear Creek having requested that the next meeting of the Association be held with her, your Committee are of opinion that the request be granted, and that the next meeting be held with said Church.

The Church at Goldsborough present a matter in their letter which your Committee believe deserves notice. They say—"We still labor under embarrassments almost insurmountable by us without some assistance from our brethren—we need and must have a House in which to Worship God. And brethren, will not some of you help both by your prayers and contributions? Our town is growing more rapidly in numbers than in wealth. We have encouragement to some extent from our townsmen, but not sufficient to build."

We would, therefore, recommend the case of this Church to the favorable consideration of the Churches of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. ELWELL, *Chairman.*

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*The Clerk begs leave to dissent from this part of the Report, as his opportunity of judging of this matter has been greater than that of the Committee's.

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B.
Report on Benevolent Effort.

Your Committee on Benevolent Effort respectfully Report:—That while they would favorably regard all the benevolent enterprises of the present day, still they regard as of primary importance the supplying of the destitute within our own bounds, with the preaching of the Gospel and the circulation of Denominational publications and periodicals. Your Committee deem it an object of great importance that as many of our brethren and sisters as can do so, take the "Biblical Recorder," or some religious paper published by our Denomination; also, that as many of our Churches as can, establish Sabbath Schools.

They also recommend the monthly concert of Prayer for the outpouring of the Spirit, in the revival of God's work to the salvation of sinners, and would suggest the importance of all the Delegates and Churches in this Association, waking up to renewed action in the cause of Christ, in doing what they, or we, can to win souls to God and minds to the love and practice of the truth.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOS. HALSEY, *Chairman.*

C.

Report on Nominations.

The Committee on Nominations beg leave to Report:—That they nominate to preach the Introductory Sermon at our next Session, Elder J. D. Elwell—alternate, Elder E. A. Best; to preach the Charity Sermon at the next session, on Sabbath, Elder H. Minor; as Delegates to the Baptist State Convention, Elders J. J. Lansdell and J. D. Elwell; as Messenger to the Chowan Association, Elder J. J. Lansdell—to the Union Association, Elder J. G. Barkley—to the Tar River Association, Elder H. Minor; and as General Agent of the Association, Elder H. Minor. All of which is respectfull submitted.

A. G. JORDON, *Chairman.*

D.

Report of the Executive Committee.

Received from the following Churches their pledges: Bear Creek, $25, Little Creek 25, Hancock's 10, Goldsboro' 5, Conoconary 10, Greenville 25, Parker's Chapel 21, Albemarle 25, White Chapel 10, Snow Hill 12,50, Grindol Creek 5, from ——— —— 30 cents, through the Agent 77,22—total $251,02. Had employed up to June 15th, 1853, Elder J. J. Lansdell as General Itinerant for the Association, during which time, from the fifth Sabbath in January to the 15th of June, he acted as Agent. His salary was fixed at $500 per annum, making an amount of $312,50 paid to him from the sitting of the Association in November, 1853, up to the 15th of June, 1853, at which time he resigned. Since that time we have had no one employed.

NOTE.—The above Report is made from papers placed in my hands by the Treasurer of the Executive Committee, with the request from him to make the Report.

J. J. LANSDELL, *Clerk.*

E.

THE PAMLICO ASSOCIATION,

In account with J. W. Dawson, *Treasurer.*

1851—By amount paid in the Treasury, ...		$15 75
" To amount paid out for transcribing Minutes,	$10 00	
1852--By amount paid in the Treasury, . . .		33 50
" To amount paid out for transcribing and printing Minutes, ...	29 00	
	$39 00	$49 25
		39 00
By amount on hand, ...		$10 25

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
PAMLICO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. This body shall be known as the Pamlico Baptist Association of North Carolina.

2. This body shall be composed of Delegates chosen annuall by the Churches, each Church being entitled to three Delegates, who shall bear a letter stating the present condition and progress during the past year; the names of their Pastors, Clerks and Delegates; the number added by baptism and letter, both white and colored; the number excluded and deceased, also the number dismissed by letter; the number of sabbath schools and Bible Classes; the amount contributed for Benevolent objects and whatever may be for the interests of the body.

3 The Association shall appoint annually a Moderator, whose duty it shall be, to preserve order, nominate Committees, and conduct the business of the Association with despatch. Also a Secretary and Treasurer, who shall serve during the pleasure of the body.

4. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, by means of a preached gospel; the purity and activity of the Churches, in wielding our influence, talent, and wealth, to the glory of God, and the salvation of sinners.

5. Each Church will be expected to contribute according to their ability to support the preached Gospel among them, to defray the incidental expenses of the Churches at home, and the Association in printing her proceedings, and sustain all her benevolent operations.

6. It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep a faithful record of all the proceedings of the body, in a book provided for that purpose, and of the Treasurer, to receive, keep and pay over, all the funds committed to his hands, promptly as ordered by the body.

7. It shall be the province of the Association to appoint a Prudential Committee, to whom the consumnation of any measure may be submitted, which Committee shall be amenable for their official acts to the Association.

8. Churches may become members of this body by petition and recommendation upon an examination, and Correspondence with other Bodies shall be conducted by Letter, or exchange of Minutes, or the appointment of Delegates as the body may dictates.

9. This Association will maintain fellowship with such Churches only, as maintain purity of doctrine, gospel discipline, and exercise a mutual watch and care over her members, and respect the Constitution of the Association.

10. This body will require of Ministers credentials, or certificates of character and standing to be presented to the body, or any Church within its bounds, prior to reception in this body; and regard as valid the ordination of only such men, as give evidence of a work of grace upon the heart, and as are called of God to preach the gospel, and are approved by some Church particularly, and generally by the Association.

11. The Annual Meeting of this body shall be held at such time and place, as the Association shall appoint.

12. The Association shall have a sermon annually, as the first business of the Association.

13. This Constitution may be altered or amended by the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

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DECLARATION OF FAITH.

I.—OF THE SCRIPTURES.

We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end; and truth without any mixture of error for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us; and therefore is, and shall remain, to the end of the world, the true centre of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conducts, creeds, and opinions should be tried.

II.—OF THE TRUE GOD.

That there is, and only one, true and living God, whose name is JEHOVAH, the Maker and supreme Ruler of Heaven and Earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness; worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love; revealed under the personal and relative distinctions of the Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost; equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

III.—OF THE FALL OF MAN.

That man was created in a state of holiness, under the law of his Maker; but by volutary transgression fell from that holy and happy state; in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint but choice; being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, wholly given to the gratification of the world, of Satan, and of their own sinful passions, and therefore under just condemnation of eternal ruin, without defence, or excuse.

IV.—OF THE WAY OF SALVATION.

That the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace; through the Mediatorial Offices of the Son of God, who took upon Him our nature yet without sin; honored the law by his personal obedience, and made atonement for our sins by His death; being risen from the dead He is now enthroned in heaven; and uniting in His wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections, is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate, and an all-sufficient Savior.

V.—OF JUSTIFICATION.

That the great gospel blessing which Christ of His fullness bestows on such as believe in Him is Justification; that Justification consists in the pardon of sin and the promise of eternal life, on principles of righteousness; that it is bestowed not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through His own redemption and righteousness; that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.

VI.—OF THE FREENESS OF SALVATION.

That the bessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial and obedient faith; and that nothing prevents the greatest sinner on earth, but his own determined depravity and voluntary rejection of the gospel, which rejection will submit him to an aggravated condemnation.

VII.—OF GRACE IN REGENERATION.

That in order to be saved we must be regenerated or born again; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind; and is effected in a manner above our comprehension or calculation; by the power of the Holy Spirit, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the gospel; and that its proper evidence is found in the holy fruit which we bring forth to the glory of God.

VIII.—OF GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE.

That Election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, sanctifies, and saves sinners; that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, comprehends all the meams in connection with the end; that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely wise, holy, and unchangeable; that it utterly excludes boasting and promotes humility, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of free mercy; that it encourage the use of means in the highest degree; that it is ascertained by its effects in all who believe the gospel; it is the foundation of Christian assurance; and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves, demands and deserves our utmost diligence.

IX.—OF THE PERSEVERANCE OF SAINTS.

That such only are real believers as endure unto the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special Providence watches over their welfare; and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

X.—HARMONY OF THE LAW AND GOSPEL.

That the Law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of His moral government; that it is holy, just, and good; and the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfill its precepts, arises entirely from their love of sin; to deliver them from which, and to restore through a Mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy law, is one great end of the gospel, and of the Means of Grace connected with the establishment of the visible Church.

XI.—OF A GOSPEL CHURCH.

That a visible Church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by His laws; and exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His word; that its only propers officers are Bishops or Pastors, and Deacons, whose qualifications, claims, and duties are defined in the Epistles to Timothy and Titus.

XII.—OF BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER.

That Christian Baptism is the Immersion of a believer in water, in the name of the Father, Son, and Spirit; to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Savior; that it is pre-requisite to the privileges of a Church relation; and to the Lord's Supper, in which the members of the church by the use of Bread and Wine are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ; preceded always by solemn self-examination.

XIII.—OF THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.

That the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, or Christian Sabbath; and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes, by abstaining from all secular labor and sinful recreations; by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both private and public; and by preparation for that rest that remaineth for the people of God.

XIV.—OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT

That civil government is of divine appointment, for the interests and good order of human society; and that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored, and obeyed, except in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of the conscience, and the Prince of the kings of the earth.

XV.—OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED.

That there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the spirit of our God, are truly righteous in his esteem; while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in his sight wicked, and under the curse; and that this distinction holds among men both in and after death.

XVI.—OF THE WORLD TO COME.

That the end of this world is approaching; that at the Last Day, Christ will descend from heaven, and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged by endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy; and that this judgement will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

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RULES OF DECORUM.

1st. At each meeting of the body for business, the Moderator, or, in his absence, the Secretary, shall call the Association to order, at which time the body will hear a sermon by some one previously appointed.

2nd. The order after sermon shall be—first, calling the Churches and enrolling the names of Delegates; second, the election of Moderator; third, a Committee on Nominations; fourth, Committee on Letters; fifty, Committee on Benevolent Effort; sixth, Committee to arrange the public service of the session.

3d. The presiding officer shall, as far as in him lies, maintain a strict conformity to the Constitution and Rules of Decorum of the Association. He shall appoint Committees, decide questions of order, and give his views on any point under discussion, after others are done speaking.

4th. The names of the delegates shall be called each day of the session, previous to proceeding to business, and minutes of the preceding meeting road and approved.

5th. The members shall observe that respect towards the officers and each other, which becometh those that reverence God—whose they are, and whom they serve. When any member is about to speak in debate, or make any remarks, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address the Moderator—shall confine himself to the question under consideration, and avoid all personalities. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave.

6th. When a motion is made without a second, it shall not receive attention; but if seconded, it shall be stated by the Moderator, or if in writing shall be read by the Secretary before debate.

7th. After a motion is stated by the Moderator or read by the Secretary, It shall be deemed in the possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn at any time by the mover, previous to discussion.

8th. When a question is on debate, no motion or proposition shall be received, but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend or postpone indefinitly: which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

9th. When a motion has been carried, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority, to move a reconsideration thereof on the same day.

10th. When a subject is presented and is promptly opposed by any member, it shall be admitted to consideration only by vote of the Association.

11th. No member shall absent himself from the meeting of the Association, unless he have permission, or be sick or unable to attend.

12th. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13th. These rules of order may be altered or amended at any Annual Session of the Association, by the vote of two-thirds of the delegates present.

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRD ANNUAL SESSION,

OF THE

PAMLICO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

ALBEMARLE, TYRRELL COUNTY, N. C.,

NOVEMBER 4--6, 1853.

REV. J. J. LANSDELL, CLERK.

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PROCEEDINGS.

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The Third Session of the Pamlico Association met with the Church at Albemarle Meeting House, Tyrrell County, N. C., Friday, Nov. 4th, 1853. Elder Mark Bennett, appointed at the last Session to preach the Introductory Sermon at this, being absent, that duty devolved upon, and was discharged by Elder H. Minor, alternate, in a very interesting discourse on the subject of Perseverance in Holiness, founded on 2 Cor. vii, 1: "Having, therefore, these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."

The Association was then called to order by the former Moderator, brother C. Wooten, and Elder J. J. Lansdell was appointed Clerk, pro. tem.

The following Delegates were then recognized: *Antioc*—none; *Albemarle*—Elder J. D. Elwell, S. M. Alexander and J. Halsey; *Bear Creek*—C. Wooten, L. M. Hardy and J. Hines; *Conoconary*—none; *Cedar Branch*—H. Measels, H. Hardison and L. Gardner; *Ellis' M. H.*—none; *Friendshiy*—none; *Greenville*—J. S. Brown, T. A. Gorham and R. Rouse; *Grindol Creek*—none; *Goldsborough*—Elder H. Minor and E. B. Wood; *Hancock's*—J. C. Cox, B. Cox and W. H. Smith; *Little Creek*—J. W. Dawson, L. Dawson and J. Worthington; *Mooborn's M. H.*—none; *Mount Zion*—J. H. Combs, W. J. Beasley and T. B. Basnight; *Parker's Chapel*—R. M. Speir, R. R. Speir and A. G. Jordon; *Quankey Chapel*—none; *St. John's*—A. Tarkinton, D. Woodley and S. Woodley; *Sound Side*—B. Brickhouse, J. Chaplin and H. S. Sutton; *Snow Hill*—J. Wood; *Union*—W. Pipkin, C. Rouse and H. Sutton; *Free Chapel*—Elder J. J. Lansdell, J. J. Lindsay and J. Norman.

The Association then proceeded to ballot for a Moderator. Brethren A. G. Jordon and J. Wood were appointed tellers; and on the second ballot brother C. Wooten was reported elected.

On motion of brother J. Halsey, Elder J. J. Lansdell was elected Clerk, and authorized to call to his assistance aid in the discharge of his duties, at discretion.

The Moderator then announced the following Committees :

On Nominations--J. Wood, S. M. Alexander and A. G. Jordon.

On Letters—Elders H. Minor and J. D. Elwell, and J. Halsey.

On Preaching during the Session—Elder J. D. Elwell, J. J. Lindsay and S. M. Alexander

On Benevolent Effort—J. Halsey, L. Dawson and Elder H. Minor.

On Finance--W. H. Smith, J. Brown and D. Woodley.

On motion, the Association took a recess for 20 minutes, or till 2 1-2 o'clock, P. M.

2 1-2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Letters were then called for from the Churches, when the following were handed in and read : From Albemarle, Bear Creek, Cedar Branch, Greenville, Goldsborough, Little Creek, Hancock's, Mount Zion, Parker's Chapel, St. John's, Sound Side, Snow Hill and Free Chapel.

Messengers and Letters were then called for from sister Associations, when Elders T. Waff and D. V. Etheridge, from the Chowan Association, presented themselves and were welcomed to seats ; and a letter from the Union Association was read.

On motion, visiting Ministerial brethren were invited to seats with us.

Petitionary Letters were then called for, and received from the following Churches : Frazier's School House, Gum Neck, South Shore and Alligator Lake ; which, on motion, were referred to the Committee on Letters.

The Committee retired for consultation, and after a short absence, returned and reported favorable; and on motion, the Report was received, and said Churches accordingly received into the Association. Whereupon the Delegates present came forward and received the Right Hand of Fellowship, to wit : From Frazier's School House, S. Davenport ; from Gum Neck, E. Swain, B. Jones and L. Cahoun ; from Alligator Lake, B. Everton, D. Everton and A. Owens ; from South Shore, J. Twidey, D. Routen and J. Holmes.

Elder T. S. Yarborough preached to the congregation this afternoon.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet to-morrow, at 9 1-2 o'clock, A. M. Prayer by Elder T. Waff.

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SATURDAY, NOV. 5th, 9 1-2 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Association met to-day according to adjournment, was opened with religious services by Elder H. Minor, and called to order by the Moderator.

Letters and Delegates were received to-day from the following

Churches: Conoconary, Elder J. G. Barkley, J. Pope and E. P. Powell; Grindol Creek, C. C. Moore, J. C. Dixon and J. Q. Dudley.

Elder C. L. Purkinson, Messenger from the Tar River Association, and Elder T. S. Yarborough. Agent of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, took seats with us to-day. Elder E. A. Best was present.

Brother J. Halsey offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee of Five be appointed to take into consideration the propriety and expediency of changing the time of the meeting of this Association.

Committee under the above Resolution—J. Halsey, E. P. Powell, L. Dawson, Elders H. Minor and J. D. Elwell.

The Committee on Letters reported—Report received. See Appendix, letter A.

The Committee on Benevolent Effort reported, and after appropriate remarks by Elder J. J. Lansdell, S. M. Alexander and Elder H. Minor, the Report was received. See Appendix, letter B.

The Committee on Nominations reported, which occasioned very stirring remarks from brethren Halsey, Alexander and Jordon, and T. S. Yarborough—Report received. See Appendix, letter C.

A subspription was then opened for the support of the Agent of the Association for the ensuing year, which resulted in raising $216,00.

The Association then took a recess of 30 minutes, or till 1 o'clock, P. M.

1 O'Clock, P. M.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

The Committee on Finance reported—$31,50 for Contingent Fund, $3,00 for Itinerency; the former of which was ordered to be paid to the Treasurer of the Association, and the latter to the Executive Committee.

The Treasurer of the former Executive Committee not being prepared to report, on motion of H. Minor, he was requested to prepare and transmit his Report to the Clerk of the Association, to be inserted in the printed Minutes. See Appendix, letter D.

On motion of Elder H. Minor, it was agreed that the Executive Committee for the ensuing year shall not exceed the number of five. Committee appointed by nomination—C. Wooten, J. W. Dawson, T. A. Gorham, A. G. Jordon and W. H. Smith.

On motion of Elder Minor, the Executive Committee was located at Greenville.

On motion of brother A. G. Jordon, the Clerk of every Church is requested to open a Book of Subscription, in his Church, for the support of the Itinerancy in the bounds of this Association, and to make a quarterly return to the Executive Committee.

The Treasurer made his report, which was received. See Appendix, letter E.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the propriety and expediency of changing the time of the Session of this Association, by leave, reported verbally,—That they recommended the Thursday next preceding the second Sabbath in May as the most suitable time; which was received, and said time accordingly adopted.

RESOLTTIONS.

By Elder Minor—

Resolved, That the Clerks of the Churches composing this Association, be and are hereby requested to report in their Annual Letters, the several sums contributed by their respective Churches, or by individuals, for Benevolent Purposes.

By Elder Lansdell—

Reselved, That we regard the "Biblical Recorder" as the organ of the Baptist Denomination in this State, and that we will do all in our power for its support and circulation.

Resolved, That tne thanks of this Association be and are hereby tendered to the citizens of this neighborhood, for the kindness with which they have been sustained during the present session.

By brother E. P. Powell—

Whereas, Sister Lacy, a member of this Association, has, during the Associational year just closed, gone to *Africa* as a Missionary, therefore

Resolved, That this Association at each of its Annual Meetings, take up a collection towards her and brother Lacy's support, as long as they continue on their Mission.

On motion of Elder Minor, it was

Resolved, That a public collection be taken up to-morrow, one-third of which to be appropriated to brother and sister Lacy's support, one-third to Home Itinerancy, and one-third to the Education of the rising Ministry.

On motion of Elder Lansdell, the Executive Committee was instructed to take into consideration the subject of Colportage in connexion with the Itinerancy.

The Clerk was instructed to have 1000 of the Minutes printed and distributed.

Preaching to-day by Elders E. A. Best, D. V. Etheridge and T. Waff.

On motion, the Association adjourned, to meet with the Church at Bear Creek, Lenoir County, on Thursday next preceding the second Lord's Day in May, 1854. Prayer by Elder Yarborough.

C. WOOTEN, *Moderator.*

J. J. Lansdell, *Clerk.*

SABBATH, NOVEMBER 6th, 1853.

The day was pleasant, and a large congregation was in attendance. Preaching at 11 o'clock by Elders H. Minor, T S. Yarborough and L. C. Purkinson, to separate audiences; and at 2 o'clock by Elders T. Waff and J. J. Lansdell. A collection was taken up for the purposes specified in the Resolution of Saturday, amounting to $35,38; $23,58 of which were paid over to Elder Yarborough, Agent of the State Convention, and $11,79 to Elder Minor, Agent of the Association.

NOTE.—The letter from the Church at Union came to hand after the adjournment of the Association, presenting the statistics shown in the table. A petitionary letter from a newly constituted Church at Temperance Hall, Edgecombe County, composed of eleven members, came to hand after the adjournment—Elder Mark Bennett, delegate; also, a petitionary letter from the Church at Tarborough, of six members, was received. Each of these Churches sent one dollar to the Contingent Fund, for which they shall receive a proportionate part of the Minutes. Accompanying the letter from the Church at Tarborough, was a Letter of Dismission from the Tar River Association, to join the Pamplico Association. As these letters came to hand too late to be acted on by this Session, it is the opinion of the Clerk, that these Churches will be under the necessity of petitioning again, as it is necessary that all Petitions should be presented to the body in session, and it is questionable whether a Petition directed to the Association in session at Albemarle, could be properly acted on by the Association in session at Bear Creek. CLERK.

A TABLE *showing the location of the Churches, with their Clerks and Post Offices.*

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	
Antioc,	Nash,	R. W. Pritchet,	Botanic Hill,	N. C.
Albemarle,	Tyrrell,	J. Halsey,	Columbia,	"
Bear Creek,	Lenoir,	C. Wooten,	Moseley Hall,	"
Conoconary,	Halifax,	W. Pittman,	Enfield,	"
Cedar Branch,	Martin,	H. Hardison,	Gardner's Bridge,	"
Friendship,	Wayne,	B. Herring,	Goldsborough,	"
Greenville,	Pitt,	R. Rouse,	Greenville,	"
Grindol Creek,	Pitt,	J. C. Dixon,	Pactolus,	"
Goldsboro',	Wayne,	E. B. Wood,	Goldsborough,	"
Hancock's,	Pitt,	E. Ellis,	Greenville,	"
Little Creek,	Pitt,	J. C. C. Jenkins,	Ridge Spring,	"
Mooborn's	Greene,	C. Mooborn,	Snow Hill,	"
Mount Zion,	Tyrrell,	E. P. Melson,	Columbia,	"
Parker's Ch'l,	Pitt,	R. M. Speir,	Greenville,	"
Quankey Ch'l,	Halifax,	R. H. Walker,	Halifax,	"
St. John's,	Washington,	D. Woodley,	Scuppernong,	"
Sound Side,	Tyrrell,	H. S. Sutton,	Columbia,	"
Snow Hill,	Greene,	A. H. Dowell,	Snow Hill,	"
Union,	Lenoir,	C. Rouse,	Stray Bend,	"
Free Chapel,	Washington,	C. N. Mason,	Scuppernong,	"
Frazier's S.H.	Washington,	J. J. Davenport,		
Gum Neck,	Tyrrell,	B. Jones,	Columbia,	"
Alligator Lake	Tyrrell,	J. Basnight,	Columbia,	"
South Shore,	Tyrrell,	H. H. Holmes,	Columbia,	"

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LIST OF ELDERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

H. MINOR, Goldsboro', N. C.	M. BENNETT, Tarboro', N. C.
J. G. BARKLEY, Enfield, "	J. J. LANSDELL, Plymouth, "
J. D. ELWELL, Columbia, "	P. MOOBORN, Snow Hill, "
T. W. RAYFIELD, Pactolus "	E. A. BEST, Greenville, "

WILLIAM VERNON.

LICENTIATE--HENRY WILKS, Greenville, N. C.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Dism'd by Letter	Expelled.	Deceased.	Whites.	Colored.	Total.	Minute Funds.	Days of Meeting.	Sabbath Schools.	Teachers.	Sab Sch'l Schol'rs.	Vols in. Library.	Yearly Meetings.
Antioc,	No Report						59	17	79		3					Nov
Albemarle,	J. D. ELWELL, J. Halsey, S. M. Alexander,	9	2	1		2	87	32	119	$2 00	1					Aug
Bear Creek,	C. Wooten, L. M. Hardy,* J. Hinee,*						40	30	70	4 00	1					Aug
Conoconary,	J. G. BARKLEY,* J. Pope,* E. P. Powell,	1	3			1	76	63	139	2 00	1	1	3	15		Nov
Cedar Branch,	H. Measels, H. Hardison, L. Gardner,*						20	9	29	1 00	4					Aug
Ellis' Meeting House,	No Report—Church dissolved.								45							
Friendship,	No Report.										2					
Greenville,	J. S. Brown, T. A. Gorham,* R. Rouse,*	2		3	2		61	12	73	2 00		1	9	20	50	
Grindol Creek,	C. C. Moore, J. C. Dixon,* J. Q. Dudley,			2	1				18	2 00	1					Oct
Goldsborough,	H. MINOR, E. B. Wood,*		4	2			23	3	26		3	1	10	75	150	Dec
Hancock's,	J. C. Cox,* B. Cox,* W. H. Smith,		1				42	15	57	1 00	4					Aug
Little Creek,	J. W. Dawson, L. Dawson, J. Worthington,*			1					60	2 00	1					Aug
Mooborn's M. H.	No Report,								22		3					Sept
Mount Zion,	J. H. Combs, W. J. Beasley, T. B. Basnight,	1		1		6			49	2 00	3					July
Parker's Chapel,	R. R. Speir,* R. M. Speir,* A. G. Jordon,						40	7	47	1 00	3					Sept
Quankey Chapel,	No Report,								53							
St. John's,	A. Tarkenton, D. Woodley, S. Woodley,	2		2		1			45	2 00	3					July
Sonud Side,	B. Brickhouse,* J. Chaplin, H. S. Sutton,			2	1	1	64	11	75	2 00	2					J'ne
Snow Hill,	J. Wood,	2							9	2 00	4					Sept
Union,	W. Pipkin,* C. Rouse,* H. Sutton,*						17	16	33	2 00	2					Sept
Free Chapel,	J. J. LANSDELL, J. J. Lindsay, J. Norman,	4		9	2				120	2 00	4					May
Frazier's Sch. House,†	S. Davenport,								16	1 00						

Gum Neck,†	E. Swain, B. Jones, L. Cahoun,								31	2 00						
Alligator Lake,†	B. Everton,* D. Everton,* A. Owens,*								28	1 00						
South Shore,†	J. Twiday, D. Routen, J. Holmes,								26	2 00						
	Ordained *Ministers* in small CAPITALS.	21	10	23	6	11	529	215	1266	33 00		3	22	110	200	

Those marked thus (*) were absent—Churches marked thus (†) were received at this Session. Many of the Letters did not present as full Statistics as is required. If Clerks, in writing the yearly Letters, will place the above table before them, it will be a guide to them.

Where a Church is marked "No Report," I have been guided by the Statistics of last year, which, doubtless, occasions some inaccuracy. As there was no report of any Restored, I have omitted that column.

APPENDIX.

A.

Report on Letters.

The Committee to whom were referred the Letters of the Association, Report:

That they perceive no necessity for a very extended report. The letters are in proper form,* presenting such statistical information as is required by the Constitution of the Association.

The Church at Bear Creek having requested that the next meeting of the Association be held with her, your Committee are of opinion that the request be granted, and that the next meeting be held with said Church.

The Church at Goldsborough present a matter in their letter which your Committee believe deserves notice. They say—"We still labor under embarrassments almost insurmountable by us without some assistance from our brethren—we need and must have a House in which to Worship God. And brethren, will not some of you help both by your prayers and contributions? Our town is growing more rapidly in numbers than in wealth. We have encouragement to some extent from our townsmen, but not sufficient to build."

We would, therefore, recommend the case of this Church to the favorable consideration of the Churches of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. ELWELL, *Chairman.*

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*The Clerk begs leave to dissent from this part of the Report, as his opportunity of judging of this matter has been greater than that of the Committee's.

B.

Report on Benevolent Effort.

Your Committee on Benevolent Effort respectfully Report:—That while they would favorably regard all the benevolent enterprises of the present day, still they regard as of primary importance the supplying of the destitute within our own bounds, with the preaching of the Gospel and the circulation of Denominational publications and periodicals. Your Committee deem it an object of great importance that as many of our brethren and sisters as can do so, take the "Biblical Recorder," or some religious paper published by our Denomination; also, that as many of our Churches as can, establish Sabbath Schools.

They also recommend the monthly concert of Prayer for the outpouring of the Spirit, in the revival of God's work to the salvation of sinners, and would suggest the importance of all the Delegates and Churches in this Association, waking up to renewed action in the cause of Christ, in doing what they, or we, can to win souls to God and minds to the love and practice of the truth.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOS. HALSEY, *Chairman.*

C.

Report on Nominations.

The Committee on Nominations beg leave to Report:—That they nominate to preach the Introductory Sermon at our next Session, Elder J. D. Elwell—alternate, Elder E. A. Best; to preach the Charity Sermon at the next session, on Sabbath, Elder H. Minor; as Delegates to the Baptist State Convention, Elders J. J. Lansdell and J. D. Elwell; as Messenger to the Chowan Association, Elder J. J. Lansdell—to the Union Association, Elder J. G. Barkley—to the Tar River Association, Elder H. Minor; and as General Agent of the Association, Elder H. Minor. All of which is respectfull submitted.

A. G. JORDON, *Chairman.*

D.

Report of the Executive Committee.

Received from the following Churches their pledges: Bear Creek, $25, Little Creek 25, Hancock's 10, Goldsboro' 5, Conoconary 10, Greenville 25, Parker's Chapel 21, Albemarle 25, White Chapel 10, Snow Hill 12,50, Grindol Creek 5, from ——— 30 cents, through the Agent 77,22—total $251,02. Had employed up to June 15th, 1853, Elder J. J. Lansdell as General Itinerant for the Association, during which time, from the fifth Sabbath in January to the 15th of June, he acted as Agent. His salary was fixed at $500 per annum, making an amount of $312,50 paid to him from the sitting of the Association in November, 1853, up to the 15th of June, 1853, at which time he resigned. Since that time we have had no one employed.

NOTE.—The above Report is made from papers placed in my hands by the Treasurer of the Executive Committee, with the request from him to make the Report.

J. J. LANSDELL, *Clerk.*

E.

THE PAMLICO ASSOCIATION,

In account with J. W. Dawson, *Treasurer.*

1851—By amount paid in the Treasury, ...		$15 75
" To amount paid out for transcribing Minutes,	$10 00	
1852—By amount paid in the Treasury, . . .		33 50
" To amount paid out for transcribing and printing Minutes, ...	29 00	
	$39 00	$49 25
		39 00
By amount on hand, ...		$10 25

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
PAMLICO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. This body shall be known as the Pamlico Baptist Association of North Carolina.

2. This body shall be composed of Delegates chosen annually by the Churches, each Church being entitled to three Delegates, who shall bear a letter stating the present condition and progress during the past year; the names of their Pastors, Clerks and Delegates; the number added by baptism and letter, both white and colored; the number excluded and deceased, also the number dismissed by letter; the number of sabbath schools and Bible Classes; the amount contributed for Benevolent objects and whatever may be for the interests of the body.

3 The Association shall appoint annually a Moderator, whose duty it shall be, to preserve order, nominate Committees, [and conduct the business of the Association with despatch. Also a Secretary and Treasurer, who shall serve during the pleasure of the body.

4. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, by means of a preached gospel; the purity and activity of the Churches, in wielding our influence, talent, and wealth, to the glory of God, and the salvation of sinners.

5. Each Church will be expected to contribute according to their ability to support the preached Gospel among them, to defray the incidental expenses of the Churches at home, and the Association in printing her proceedings, and sustain all her benevolent operations.

6. It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep a faithful record of all the proceedings of the body, in a book provided for that purpose, and of the Treasurer, to receive, keep and pay over, all the funds committed to his hands, promptly as ordered by the body.

7. It shall be the province of the Association to appoint a Prudential Committee, to whom the consumnation of any measure may be submitted, which Committee shall be amenable for their official acts to the Association.

8. Churches may become members of this body by petition and recommendation upon an examination, and Correspondence with other Bodies shall be conducted by Letter, or exchange of Minutes, or the appointment of Delegates as the body may dictates.

9. This Association will maintain fellowship with such Churches only, as maintain purity of doctrine, gospel discipline, and exercise a mutual watch and care over her members, and respect the Constitution of the Association.

10. This body will require of Ministers credentials, or certificates of character and standing to be presented to the body, or any Church within its bounds, prior to reception in this body; and regard as valid the ordination of only such men, as give evidence of a work of grace upon the heart, and as are called of God to preach the gospel, and are approved by some Church particularly, and generally by the Association.

11. The Annual Meeting of this body shall be held at such time and place, as the Association shall appoint.

12. The Association shall have a sermon annually, as the first business of the Association.

13. This Constitution may be altered or amended by the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

DECLARATION OF FAITH.

I.—OF THE SCRIPTURES.

We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end; and truth without any mixture of error for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us; and therefore is, and shall remain, to the end of the world, the true centre of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conducts, creeds, and opinions should be tried.

II.—OF THE TRUE GOD.

That there is, and only one, true and living God, whose name is JEHOVAH, the Maker and supreme Ruler of Heaven and Earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness; worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love; revealed under the personal and relative distinctions of the Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost; equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

III.—OF THE FALL OF MAN.

That man was created in a state of holiness under the law of his Maker; but by volutary transgression fell from that holy and happy state; in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint but choice; being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, wholly given to the gratification of the world, of Satan, and of their own sinful passions, and therefore under just condemnation of eternal ruin, without defence, or excuse.

IV.—OF THE WAY OF SALVATION.

That the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace; through the Mediatorial Offices of the Son of God, who took upon Him our nature yet without sin; honored the law by his personal obedience, and made atonement for our sins by His death; being risen from the dead He is now enthroned in heaven; and uniting in His wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections, is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate, and an all-sufficient Savior.

V.—OF JUSTIFICATION.

That the great gospel blessing which Christ of His fullness bestows on such as believe in Him is Justification; that Justification consists in the pardon of sin and the promise of eternal life, on principles of righteousness; that it is bestowed not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through His own redemption and righteousness; that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.

VI.—OF THE FREENESS OF SALVATION.

That the bessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial and obedient faith; and that nothing prevents the greatest sinner on earth, but his own determined depravity and voluntary rejection of the gospel, which rejection will submit him to an aggravated condemnation.

VII.—OF GRACE IN REGENERATION.

That in order to be saved we must be regenerated or born again; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind; and is effected in a manner above our comprehension or calculation; by the power of the Holy Spirit, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the gospel; and that its proper evidence is found in the holy fruit which we bring forth to the glory of God.

VIII.—OF GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE.

That Election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, sanctifies, and saves sinners; that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, comprehends all the means in connection with the end; that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely wise, holy, and unchangeable; that it utterly excludes boasting and promotes humility, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of free mercy; that it encourage the use of means in the highest degree; that it is ascertained by its effects in all who believe the gospel; it is the foundation of Christian assurance; and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves, demands and deserves our utmost diligence.

IX.—OF THE PERSEVERANCE OF SAINTS.

That such only are real believers as endure unto the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special Providence watches over their welfare; and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

X.—HARMONY OF THE LAW AND GOSPEL.

That the Law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of His moral government; that it is holy, just, and good; and the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfill its precepts, arises entirely from their love of sin; to deliver them from which, and to restore through a Mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy law, is one great end of the gospel, and of the Means of Grace connected with the establishment of the visible Church.

XI.—OF A GOSPEL CHURCH.

That a visible Church of Christ is a congregatien of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by His laws; and exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His word; that its only prepers officers are Bishops or Pastors, and Deacons, whose qualifications, claims, and duties are defined in the Epistles to Timothy and Titus

XII.—OF BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER.

That Christian Baptism is the Immersion of a believer in water, in the name of the Father, Son, and Spirit; to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Savior; that it is pre-requisite to the privileges of a Church relation; and to the Lord's Supper, in which the members of the church by the use of Bread and Wine are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ; preceeded always by solemn self-examination.

XIII.—OF THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.

That the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, or Christian Sabbath; and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes, by abstaining from all secular labor and sinful recreations; by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both private and public; and by preparation for that rest that remaineth for the people of God.

XIV.—OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT

That civil government is of divine appointment, for the interests and good order of human society; and that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored, and obeyed, except in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of the conscience, and the Prince of the kings of the earth.

XV.—OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED.

That there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the spirit of our God, are truly righteous in his esteem; while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in his sight wicked, and under the curse; and that this distinction holds among men both in and after death.

XVI.—OF THE WORLD TO COME.

That the end of this world is approaching; that at the Last Day, Christ will descend from heaven, and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged by endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy; and that this judgement will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

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RULES OF DECORUM.

1st. At each meeting of the body for business, the Moderator, or, in his absence, the Secretary, shall call the Association to order, at which time the body will hear a sermon by some one previously appointed.

2nd. The order after sermon shall be—first, calling the Churches and enrolling the names of Delegates; second, the election of Moderator; third, a Committee on Nominations; fourth, Committee on Letters; fifty, Committee on Benevolent Effort; sixth, Committee to arrange the public service of the session.

3d. The presiding officer shall, as far as in him lies, maintain a strict conformity to the Constitution and Rules of Decorum of the Association. He shall appoint Committees, decide questions of order, and give his views on any point under discussion, after others are done speaking.

4th. The names of the delegates shall be called each day of the session, previous to proceeding to business, and minutes of the preceding meeting road and approved.

5th. The members shall observe that respect towards the officers and each other, which becometh those that reverence God—whose they are, and whom they serve. When any member is about to speak in debate, or make any remarks, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address the Moderator—shall confine himself to the question under consideration, and avoid all personalities. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave.

6th. When a motion is made without a second, it shall not receive attention; but if seconded, it shall be stated by the Moderator, or if in writing shall be read by the Secretary before debate.

7th. After a motion is stated by the Moderator or read by the Secretary, It shall be deemed in the possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn at any time by the mover, previous to discussion.

8th. When a question is on debate, no motion or proposition shall be received, but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend or postpone indefinitly: which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

9th. When a motion has been carried, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majoriry, to move a reconsideration thereof on the same day.

10th. When a subject is presented and is promptly opposed by any member, it shall be admitted to consideration only by vote of the Association.

11th. No member shall absent himself from the meeting of the Association, unless he have permission, or be sick or unable to attend.

12th. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13th. These rules of order may be altered or amended at any Annual Session of the Association, by the vote of two-thirds of the delegates present.

MINUTES

OF THE

FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Pamlico Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

BEAR CREEK, LENOIR Co., N. C.,

May 11---13, 1854.

RALEIGH:
BIBLICAL RECORDER OFFICE:
1854.

Proceedings.

Bear Creek, Lenoir Co., May 11th, 1854.

The fourth session of the Pamlico Baptist Association, convened with the Bear Creek church, Lenoir County, N. C., on Thursday, May 11th, 1854. The Introductory discourse was delivered by Elder Elwell, from Matt. 5. 16. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

After an intermission of half an hour, the Association was called to order by the former Moderator, bro. C. Wooten. Prayer by Elder Barkley.

On motion of Elder Barkley, bro. E. P. Powell was appointed Clerk.

Letters were then called for and read from the following churches:

Albemarle, Alligator Lake, Antioch, Bear Creek, Conoconary, Ellis' M. H., Frazier's School House, Free Chapel, Greenville, Gum Neck, Grindol Creek, Hancock's, Little Creek, Mount Zion, Parker's Chapel, Snow Hill, South Shore, Sound Side, and St. John's.

On motion of Elder Elwell, bro. C. Wooten was unanimously elected Moderator of the Association.

Elders Lacy, Perkinson, Askew and Newton being present, were invited to take seats with us and participate in our deliberations.

The following committees were next announced by the Moderator.

On Nominations—Elders Barkley, Best and bro. J. Dawson.

Letters—Elders Elwell, and bros. Gorham and Powell.

To arrange public exercises for the session—bros. S. Wooten, J. Joyner, Hines, and Warters.

Benevolent Efforts—Elders Minor, Lacy and bro. J. Wood.

Finance—Bros. Jordan, Wardsworth and Wood.

On motion, the Treasurer was authorized to receive the funds sent up by the churches.

On motion of Elder Barkley, petitionary and corresponding letters were called for: none were presented.

Elder Elwell moved the appointment of a committee to visit those churches that have failed to represent themselves in this body since its oganization, ascertain the causes thereof, and report at the next Association.

Adjourned to 9 1-2 o'clock to-morrow; prayer by Elder Best.

FRIDAY, May 12th.

Owing to inclemency of weather, the Association did not meet to-day until 11 o'clock. After being called to order by the Moderator and prayer by Elder Wilkes proceeded to business.

On motion of Elder Minor, letters from churches that failed to represent themselves yesterday, were called for, when one from the Goldsboro church was handed in and read.

On motion, the names of delegates were called by the clerk.

On motion of Elder Minor, the unfinished business of yesterday was taken up; whereupon the following resolution by Elder Elwell was adopted.

WHEREAS, Several churches, belonging to this Association have, for several years, failed to represent themselves in this body; therefore

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to wait on said churches and ascertain the cause or causes of their failing to represent themselves: said committee to report at the next Association.—Committee—Elders Elwell, Minor and Barkley.

Elder Barkley offered the following resolution, which, after remarks by Elders Askew, Minor, Elwell, Barkley, Newton and bro. Wood, was adopted.

WHEREAS, The church at Mooborn, M. H. has not represented herself in this body the two years past; and, whereas, the pastor of said church, Elder Mooborn, has declared non-fellowship with this body, impugned the motives, and aspersed the characters of its ministers and members: therefore,

Resolved, That the hand of fellowship be, and is hereby withdrawn from said church and pastor until satisfactory explanations shall be given.

On motion of Elder Barkley, a committee of three was appointed to visit the church at Ellis M. H. for the purpose of trying to adjust a difficulty existing in said church, committee—Elders Minor, Elwell and Barkley. Reports of the several committees appointed on yesterday, were called for, handed in, and adopted, except the one on letters, which was defered until to-morrow.

For Report on Nominations, see Appendix, letter A.—Benevolent Effort, Appendix letter B. Finance, Appendix letter C.

On motion, adjourned thirty minutes. After intermission, the Association was well entertained by a sermon from Elder Wingate.

2 o'clock.—The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

On motion of Elder Elwell, a committee of three was appointed to prepare an obituary notice of our esteemed bro. Jos. Halsey to be appended to the minutes. Committee: Elder Elwell, and bros. Lansdell and Townson. Elder Yarboro appearing, was invited to a seat with us.

Elder Perkinson, being requested, explained the object of his agency, and reported his success within our bounds.

The following resolutions were next adopted. By Elder Minor,

Resolved, That we deem the subject of Temperance one of vital importance to the well-being of us as individuals and our churches, as well as our Association; and would recommend to all of our brethren and friends total abstinence from all intoxicating liquors as a beverage. By the Moderator, *Resolved*, That all the churches within the bounds of our Association be earnestly requested to use all fair and honorable means to prevent the sale of ardent spirits within our bounds by grog-shops.

Adjourned to 9 1-2 o'clock to-morrow. Prayer by Elder Elwell.

SATURDAY, May 13th.

9 1-2 o'clock.—Association met according to adjournment: called to order by the Moderator, prayer by bro. Wood. Proceedings of yesterday read and roll called.—Committee on letters reported; report received and committee discharged. See Appendix letter D.

Bro. Nelson made some remarks in relation to the effort now being made to build a Baptist M. H. in the town of Goldsboro, and asked leave to present his book of subscription for that purpose to the members and friends of this Association. When the sum of one hundred and twenty-three dollars was subscribed by various individuals. Bro. Caraway, from the Union Association appearing, was invited to a seat with us.

On motion, Elders Wingate and Yarboro were offered and accepted an opportunity of explaining the objects of their respective agencies. The following resolutions were next adopted. By Elder Elwell,

WHEREAS, The Baptist church at Tarboro, Edgecombe County, has taken a letter of dismission from the Tar River Association for the purpose of uniting with us; and whereas, said letter together with one petitioning for admittance in this body, and containing funds, were sent by said church to our session in November last; and whereas said letters failed to reach this body then in session: Therefore,

Resolved, That said church be received and recognized as a constituent number of this Association. By the same,

Resolved, That we recommend to the favorable notice of the brethren and friends within our bounds, the school of bro. Dowel at Snow Hill.—By Elder Barkley,

Resolved, That a public collection be taken up to-morow to be appropriated, equally, to Home Mission, Foreign Mission and Education.—By the same,

Resolved, That the Clerk have one thousand copies of the minutes printed and distributed, for which he be allowed ten dollars. By bro. Lansdale,

Resolved, That we, as the Pamlico Association, recommend to the favorable consideration of the churches and brethren within our bounds.

Wake Forest College and Chowan Female Collegiate Institute, as institutions of education, worthy of our warmest support.

Elder Montague was recognized as corresponding delegate from the Union Association.

On motion of Elder Elwell, the Treasurer was ordered to pay over to the Clerk, the amount of funds in hand to be appropriated towards transcribing, printing and distributing the minutes.

On motion, adjourned to 2 o'clock P. M.

2 o'clock.—The Association was called to order by the Moderator and the following resolutions were adopted. By Elder Elwell,

Resolved, That this Association recommend to the churches within her bounds, the observance of the first Sabbath evening in each month as a concert of prayer for the spread of the gospel. By the same,

Resolved, That each and every church of this Association be requested to state in their letters to the next meeting of this body, the date of their constitutions. By bro. Lansdell,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be, and are hereby tendered to the citizens of this neighborhood for the kindness shown us during our session.

The Clerk was requested to write a letter of correspondence to be appended to the minutes.

On motion of Elder Barkley the Association adjourned to meet with the church at Conoconary, Halifax county, on Thursday next, preceding the second Sabbath in May 1855. Prayer by Elder Elwell.

C. WOOTEN, *Moderator.*

E. P. POWELL, *Clerk.*

There was preaching at the stand to-day by Elders Best, Newton and Elwell.

The Clerk is requested to state, that seven dollars and eighty-five cents collected in the bounds of this Association, for missionary purposes, have been paid over to Elder Yarboro', agent of the N. C. B. S. Convention.

Statistics of churches not represented are taken from minutes of last session.

Sabbath, May 14th.

Elders Lacy, Wingate and Barkley preached the word of life to-day to a large concourse of people. A collection was also taken up amounting to forty-one dollars, to be appropriated as specified on yesterday.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Rec. by letter.	Dis. by letter.	Expelled.	Deceased.	Whites.	Colored.	Total.	Minute Fund.	Days of meeting.	Scholars.	S.S. Teachers	Vols. in Library.
Antioch,	J. W. Pritchard,* P. Pritchard,* —— Sharon,*	3			1	1	55	12	67	1 00	3			
Albemarle,	J. D. Elwell, Thos. Lansdell,		1			8			113	2 00	1			
Alligator Lake,	B. Everton,* D. Everton,*	2	1						31	1 00				
Bear Creek,	C. Wooten, S. Wooten, J. Wadsworth,			2		2	37	29	66	4 00	1			
Cedar Branch,	No letter nor Delegate,						20	9	29					
Conoconary,	J. G. Barkley, Jesse Powell,* E. P. Powell,	1	3			1	77	64	141	2 00	1			
Ellis' M. H.,	T. Stancell,* J. Carter,*									1 00				
Friendship,	No letter nor Delegate,													
Free Chapel,	J. J. Lansdell,* C. N. Mason,* J. J. Lindsay,*		1		1		80			2 00				
Frazier's School House,	S. J. Davenport,*								16	1 00				
Goldsborough,	C. J. Nelson, W. T. Brown,* A. E. Powell,*					1	22	3	25	2 00	3	50	10	175
Grindol Creek,	C. C. Moore,* J. C. Dixon,*						17		17	1 00				
Greenville,	Elder Best, P. Gorham,		5	1		1	65	12	77	3 00	1&3	41	8	
Gum Neck,	E. Swain,* B. Jones,* L. Cahoon,*	13							44	2 00				
Hancock's,	No Delegate.						42	15	57	1 00				
Little Creek,	J. W. Dawson, L. Dawson, H. Wilkes,					1	50	17	67	3 00				
Mount Zion,	W. J. Beasley,* J. H. Combs,* E. Melson,*			1		3			47	1 00	3			
Parker's Chapel,	A. G. Jordan, J. Cherry, M. Spier,*			3	3	1	28	8	36	1 00				
Quanky Chapel,	No Letter nor Delegate,								53	1 00				
Snow Hill,	J. Wood, J. Joyner,								9	3 00		10		
Sound Side,	R. S. Townsend, J. Brickhouse,*					5			75	2 00				
South Shore,	D. Raughten,* Joshua Twide,*								26	1 00				
St. John's,	No Delegate,						36	9	45	1 00	2			
Union,	No letter nor Delegate,						17	16	33					
Tarboro',†	" "									1 00				

† Church received this session. * Absentees.

Appendix.

A.

Report on Nominations.

Your Committee on Nominations beg leave to report the following:

To preach the Introductory at the next Association, Elder E. A. Best,—Alternate, Elder H. Minor. As delegates to the B. S. Convention—Elders H. Minor, J. G. Barkley, Best and brethren C. Wooten, T. Gorham, J. Cherry and J. Joyner. Messengers to Chowan Association—Elders J. J. Lansdell and J. D. Elwell. To Union Association—Elder H. Minor. To Tar River Association—Elder J. G. Barkley.

Executive committee for the ensuing year—Brethren C. Wooten, J. W. Dawson and T. A. Gorham, W. H. Smith, J. Wood, J. Dawson and A. G. Jordan. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. G. BARKLEY, *Chm'n.*

B.

Report of the Committee on Benevolence.

Your Committee on Benevolence report,

That the motives to unceasing prayer and untiring effort is presented in the cause of Education, Home and Foreign Mission, Bible and Publication Societies, together with the support of our own Ministry, and as many Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes as practicable within our bounds, ought to engage the hearts and employ the hands of all of our brethren and sisters more vigorously than ever.

We would recommend to all our members to take some approved Religious paper for the benefit of their families, such a paper we believe the Biblical Recorder to be, also the Home and Foreign Journal.

H. MINOR, *Chm'n.*

C.

Report on Finance.

Your Committee beg leave to report that they have settled with the Treasurer and find in his hands after settling all accts., $29,75, which amt. is ordered to be paid to the Clerk for transcribing and printing minutes, then there will be nothing left.

A. G. JORDAN.

D.

The committee to whom was referred the letters of the Association beg leave to report.

We perceive no necessity for an extended report: the letters are all in proper form, though not as full as they might be: they have not all reported the amount of their contributions for the year past. The Church at Conoconary petitions for the next annual session of this body to be held with her: your Committee recommend that her petition be granted and that the next meeting of this Association be held with said church. The church at Ellis' M. H. requests this Association to send them help to settle their difficulties. We recommend that their request be granted, and that a committee be appointed to visit and assist them. The church at Goldsboro also present a matter in their letter which your committee believes deserves notice: they say they have no house of worship; and call on you to aid them. Your committee would recommend to the favorable consideration of this Association their call, and ask the brethren to assist them in building a house of worship. We would also recommend to the churches of this Association, to report, in their next letters to this body the several amounts contributed by them to the different benevolent objects: and also that they would make a distinction in said letters in the white and colored members. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. D. ELWELL, *Chm'n.*

E.

Report of Executive Committee.

Your committee beg leave to report: That at their 7th meeting, held at Greenville, N. C., Feb. 28th, 1854, they received the report of your Agent which was as follows:

Preached 33 sermons, held 5 Conference meetings, 11 Prayer meetings, received 7 Members by letter, received $47,50, had in hand subscriptions to the amt. of $164,50, your committee raised $35,65 which was paid on acct. of last year, which cleared them of debt save a small due bill held by bro. Elwell, 8 meetings held at Bear Creek. Elder Best who had been appointed to assist as agent, presented his report, traveled 200 miles, Preached 18 sermons, held 13 Prayer meetings, received $38,25. Bro. Minor reports preached 30 sermons, held 5 Conference meetings, 5 Prayer meetings, received $7,85, got subscriptions to his support for part of his service $200,00, charges the committee with 7 weeks services, $75,00 now due him, and $40,00 due Elder Elwell, makes the indebtedness of the committee $115,00. Now there are pledges to the amt. of $164,50 to the committee, leaving $49,50 over their indebtedness. Respectfully submitted.

A. G. GORDAN, *Clerk.*

Report on Obituary of Bro. Halsey.

The committee who were appointed to prepare an obituary notice of the death of bro. Halsey, beg leave to report the following

OBITUARY.

Since the last sitting of this Association, death has visited us, and taken from our midst our beloved bro. Jos. Halsey.

Bro. Halsey had been for more than twenty years a member of the Baptist Church, and a member of this Association from the time of its organization. He was a zealous, noble, and warm-hearted christian, humbly endeavoring to walk in the foot-steps of his Lord and Master. The cause of Christ and His Kingdom seemed always uppermost in his thoughts ; and it seemed his chief delight to stand up in the cause of the Lord against the mighty. He was respected, esteemed, and beloved by all who knew him, and it is painful to us to record his death ; but it was the will of God to remove him from us. Death called when there was none to stay its approach, and on the 11th of February, he fell, fainting into its cold embrace. He is gone ! The grave has closed over his remains, and his soul has gone to that "rest which remaineth to the people of God."

To his family, and the church to which he belonged, his loss is irreparable; and in this Association we see with heart-felt regret his vacated seat. "But we mourn not as those who have no hope."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. D. ELWELL, *Chm'n.*

LETTER OF CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Brethren of Sister Associations in N. C.,

Dear Brethren:—The fourth session of our Association has just closed; and while we are made to mourn on account of the slow progress we have made since our session in Nov. last, and indeed since our organization; yet, we do rejoice and thank God for the harmony and brotherly-love that has pervaded our session. We have had and still have to contend with many difficulties: one of which, is the want of more ministers to supply our almost destitute churches with the pure doctrines of the gospel. We see indeed that "the harvest is great and the laborers are few." Another difficulty is to be found, in the fact, that some of our churches are in the midst of a sect, who call themselves Baptists, but who oppose all missionary measures, Temperance, Sabbath Schools, &c. Still, by Divine grace and assistance, we are determined not to falter nor become discouraged; but persevere in our endeavors to advance Christ's Kingdom on earth, and thereby secure to ourselves that rest that remaineth to the people of God. We were rejoiced to greet in our midst, several brethren from sister Associations, but our joy would have been increased could we have met more.—And we do hope, that at our future anniversaries, and particularly at the next, to meet many of you, who can and will aid us by your prayers and councils, in our infant state. Our next session will be held with the church at Conoconary, Halifax County, commencing on Thursday before the second Sabbath in May, 1855.

Constitution

OF THE

PAMLICO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. This body shall be known as the PAMLICO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION of North Carolina.

2. This body shall be composed of Delegates chosen annually by the Churches, each Church being entitled to three Delegates, who shall bear a letter stating the present condition and progress during the past year; the names of their Pastors, Clerks and Delegates; the number added by baptism and letter, both white and colored; the number excluded and deceased, also the number dismissed by letter; the number of sabbath schools and Bible Classes; the amount contributed for Benevolent objects and whatever may be for the interests of the body.

3. The Association shall appoint annually a Moderator, whose duty it shall be, to preserve order, nominate Committees, and conduct the business of the Association with despatch. Also a Secretary and Treasurer, who shall serve during the pleasure of the body.

4. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, by means of a preached gospel; the purity and activity of the Churches, in wielding our influence, talent, and wealth, to the glory of God, and the salvation of sinners.

5. Each Church will be expected to contribute according to their ability to support the preached Gospel among them, to defray the incidental expenses of the Churches at home, and the Association in printing her proceedings, and sustain all her benevolent operations.

6. It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep a faithful record of all the proceedings of the body, in a book provided for that purpose, and of the Treasurer, to receive, keep and pay over, all the funds committed to his hands, promptly as ordered by the body.

7. It shall be the province of the Association to appoint a Prudential Committee, to whom the consummation of any measure may be submitted, which Committee shall be amenable for their official acts to the Association.

8. Churches may become members of this body by petition and recommendation upon an examination, and Correspondence with other Bodies shall be conducted by Letter, or exchange of Minutes, or the appointment of Delegates as the body may dictate.

9. This Association will maintain fellowship with such Churches only, as maintain purity of doctrine, gospel discipline, and exercise a mutual watch and care over her members, and respect the Constitution of the Association.

10. This body will require of Ministers credentials, or certificates of character and standing to be presented to the body, or any Church within its bounds, prior to reception in this body; and regard as valid the ordination of only such men, as give evidence of a work of grace upon the heart, and as are called of God to preach the gospel, and are approved by some Church particularly, and generally by the Association.

11. The Annual Meeting of this body shall be held at such time and place, as the Association shall appoint.

12. The Association shall have a sermon annually, as the first business of the Association.

13. This Constitution may be altered or amended by the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

Declaration of Faith.

I.—OF THE SCRIPTURES.

We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end; and truth without any mixture of error for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us; and therefore is, and shall remain, to the end of the world, the true centre of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conducts, creeds, and opinions should be tried.

II.—OF THE TRUE GOD.

That there is, and only one, true and living God, whose name is JEHOVAH, the Maker and supreme Ruler of Heaven and Earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness; worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love; revealed under the personal and relative distinctions of the Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost; equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

III.—OF THE FALL OF MAN.

That man was created in a state of holiness, under the law of his Maker; but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state; in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint but choice; being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, wholly given to the gratification of the world, of Satan, and of their own sinful passions, and therefore under just condemnation of eternal ruin, without defence, or excuse.

IV.—OF THE WAY OF SALVATION.

That the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace; through the Mediatorial Offices of the Son of God, who took upon him our nature yet without sin; honored the law by his personal obedience, and made atonement for our sins by His death; being risen from the dead He is now enthroned in heaven; and uniting in His wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections, is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate, and an all-sufficient Savior.

V.—OF JUSTICATION.

That the great gospel blessing which Christ of His fullness bestows on such as believe in Him is Justification; that Justification consists in the pardon of sin and the promise of eternal life, on principles of righteousness; that it is bestowed not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through His own redemption and righteoussness; that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.

VI.—OF THE FREENESS OF SALVATION.

That the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial and obedient faith; and that nothing prevents the greatest sinner on earth, but his own determined depravity and voluntary rejection of the gospel, which rejection will submit him to an aggravated condemnation.

VII.—OF GRACE IN REGENERATION.

That in order to be saved we must be regenerated or born again; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind; and is effected in a manner above our comprehension or calculation; by the power of the Holy Spirit, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the gospel; and that its proper evidence is found in the holy fruit which we, bring forth to the glory of God.

VIII.—OF GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE.

That Election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, sanctifies, and saves sinners; that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, comprehends all the means in connection with the end; that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely wise, holy, and unchangeable; that it utterly excludes boasting and promotes humility, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of free mercy; that it encourage the use of means in the highest degree; that it is ascertained by its effects in all who believe the gospel; it is the foundation of Christian assurance; and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves, demands and deserves our utmost diligence.

IX.—OF THE PERSEVERANCE OF SAINTS.

That such only are real believers as endure unto the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special Providence watches over their welfare; and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

X.—HARMONY OF THE LAW AND GOSPEL.

That the Law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of His moral government; that it is holy, just, and good; and the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfill its precepts, arises entirely from their love of sin; to deliver them from which, and to restore through a Mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy law, is one great end of the gospel, and of the Means of Grace connected with the establishment of the visible Church.

XI.—OF A GOSPEL CHURCH.

That a visible Church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by His laws; and exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His word; that its only proper officers are Bishops or Pastors, and Deacons, whose qualifications, claims, and duties are defined in the Epistles to Timothy and Titus.

XII.—OF BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER.

That Christian Baptism is the Immersion of a believer in water, in the name of the Father, Son, and Spirit; to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in a crucified buried, and risen Savior; that it is pre-requisite to the privileges of a Church relation; and to the Lord's Supper, in which the members of the church by the use of Bread and Wine are to comemorate together the dying love of Christ; proceeded always by solemn self-examination.

XIII.—OF THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.

That the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, or Christian Sabbath; and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes, by abstaining from all secular labor and sinful recreations; by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both private and public; and by preparation for that rest that remaineth for the people of God.

XIV.—OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

That civil government is of divine appointment, for the interests and good order of human society; and that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored, and obeyed, except in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of the conscience, and the Prince of the kings of the earth.

XV.—OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED.

That there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the spirit of our God, are truly right-sons in his esteem; while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in his sight wicked, and under the curse; and that this distinction holds among men both in and after death.

XVI.—OF THE WORLD TO COME.

That the end of this world is approaching; that at the Last Day, Christ will descend from heaven, and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged by endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy; and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

Rules of Decorum.

1st. At each meeting of the body for business, the Moderator, or, in his absence, the Secretary, shall call the Association to order, at which time the body will hear a sermon by some one previously appointed.

2nd. The order after sermon shall be—first, calling the Churches and enrolling the names of Delegates; second, the election of Moderator; third, a Committee on Nominations; fourth, Committee on Letters; fifth, Committee on Benevolent Effort; sixth, Committee to arrange the public service of the session.

3rd. The presiding officer shall, as far as in him lies, maintain a strict conformity to the Constitution and Rules of Decorum of the Association. He shall appoint Committees, decide questions of order, and give his views on any point under discussion, after others are done speaking.

4th. The names of the delegates shall be called each day of the session, previous to proceeding to business, and minutes of the preceding meeting read and approved.

5th. The members shall observe that respect towards the officers and each other, which becometh those that reverence God—whose they are, and whom they serve. When any member is about to speak in debate, or make any remarks, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address the Moderator—shall confine himself to the question under consideration, and avoid all personalities. No member shall speak more than twice on tke same question without leave.

6th. When the motion is made without a second, it shall not receive attention; but if seconded, it shall be stated by the Moderator, or if in writing shall be read by the Secretary before debate.

7th. After a motion is stated by the Moderator or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed in the possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn at any time by the mover, previous to discussion.

8th. When a question is on debate, no motion or proposition shall be received, but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend or postpone indefinitely: which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

9th. When a motion has been carried, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority, to move a reconsideration thereof on the same day.

10th. When a subject is presented and is promptly opposed by any member, it shall be admitted to consideration only by vote of the Association.

11th. No member shall absent himself from the meeting of the Assotiation, unless he have permission or be sick or unable to attend.

12th. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13th. These rules of order may be altered or amended at any Annual Session of the Association, by the vote of two-thirds of the delegates present.

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION,

OF THE

Pamlico Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

CONOCONARY, HALIFAX COUNTY, N. CAROLINA,

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PROCEEDINGS.

CONOCONARY, HALIFAX COUNTY, N. C.
THURSDAY, MAY 10th, 1855.

The fifth session of the Pamlico Baptist Association met with the Church at Conoconary, Halifax County N. C. The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Best, from Matt. 6–6, "Enter into thy closet."

After an intermission, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, bro. C. Wooten. Prayer by Elder Barkley. Letters were then called for and read from the various churches. After which, bro. C. Wooten was again elected Mod.

On motion, visiting brethren were invited to seats with us, which was accepted by Elders J. Davis, Crockett, Pritchard and Solomon.

The following Committees were next announced by the Mod., viz: On Nominations, Elder Minor, bros. J. Wood and Gorham.—On Letters, Elder Elwell, bros. Rawe and Phelps. On Benevolent Effort, Elders Bennett, Lansdell and Best. To Arrange Religious Exercises of the Session, Elder Barkley, bros. Jesse Powell and E. P. Powell. On Finance, bros. J. Pope, Mason and B. Spier. On Indian Missions, Elders Elwell, Bennett and Minor. On Home Missions, Elders Bennett, Barkley and Br. Wood. On Schools, Elders Minor, Lansdell and bro. Gorham.

On motion, adjourned till to-morrow 10 o'clock; prayer, by Elder Bennett.

MAY 11th, Friday, 10 o'clock. Association met, prayer by Elder Elwell; roll called, minutes of yesterday read. On motion, letters from churches not represented yesterday were called for and read.

Report of the Committee on Nominations was next read and adopted. See appendix, Letter A.

Elder J. J. James being present, was, on motion, invited to a seat with us.

Report of the committee on Benevolent Effort was read and adopted. See appendix, Letter B.

On motion, Elders Bennett, Minor and Elwell were appointed a committee to report on Periodicals.

On motion adjourned to 2 o'clock P. M.

2 O'clock, P. M.

Association met, called to order by the Mod. On motion, bros. N. Harrison and G. W. Powell, from the Tar River Association, were invited to seats with us; also Elder Griffin from Virginia. On motion, Elders Bennett, Lansdell and J. Powell, were constituted a committee to write a biography of our lamented bro. P. P. Lawrence, to be appended to the minutes.

On motion it was agreed that Elder Pritchard, agent for the Endowment of W. F. College, be allowed an opportunity on to-morrow of presenting before this body the claims of said College.

A motion of bro. Wood, to alter the time of the meeting of this Association was, after remarks by various brethren, rejected.

After some interesting remarks on the subject of Sabbath Schools, by Elders Landsdell, Griffin, Davis and Solomon, it was resolved that a committee consisting of bros. Nelson, Newton and Carter be appointed to report on the same. Elders Elwell, Best, and bro. J. Pope were appointed a committee on F. Missions.

On motion, adjourned till to morrow 10 o'clock, prayer by Elder Griffin.

SATURDAY, May 12, 10 o'clock.

Association met and was called to order by the Moderator.—Prayer by Elder James; roll called, and proceedings of yesterday read.

A letter from Elder Yarboro, agent of the N. C. B. S. Convention to the Clerk of this Association, was, on motion read before the body.

A letter from the Union Association was also received and read.

The Report on Indian Missions was next read and adopted. See appendix, Letter C.

Also, the one on Home Missions, read and adopted. See appendix, Letter D.

On motion of Elder Elwell it was agreed that Elder Davis, agent of the Board of Domestic Missions for the Southern Baptist Convention be granted an opportunity this evening of explaining the object of his mission.

On motion of bro. Wood, a committee of three was appointed to wait on Elder Elwell and ascertain whether or not he will accept the appointment as made him by the N. C. B. S. Convention committee, J. Wood, Gorham and Nelson.

Report on Sabbath Schools.

Your committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to make the following report:

The success of the church is to be attributed mainly to the influence of the Sabbath School. It exerts a mighty reflex influence upon the teachers, and constitutes a powerful instrumentality in the salvation of the pupils. Hence, the pastor looks to the Sabbath School for the reliable members of his church.

In a word, an efficient Sabbath School is indispensible to the prosperity of any church. In conclusion we submit the following suggestions.

1. Let no effort be spared to elicit the interest and secure the co-operation of the children as Missionary agents. This will prove the most effectual method of interesting the parents of the children.

2. Let our pastors take a lively interest in the cause, and faint not, until all their members, both old and young, are engaged in the work.

To effect this, let there be higher classes, composed of old men and women, andmore advanced pupils. Then, when young men grow too wise to submit to farther instructions in an ordinary class, instead of leaving the school, will pass into a higher department.—Thus they will feel inspired by the glory of past triumphs, and the hope of future achievements. Furthermore, upon these advanced classes, the superintendant can draw for teachers as occasion may demand.

3. The magnitude of this enterprise, and the vast field that lies before us, seem to demand that the pastors should lecture upon the subject, organize new schools, and encourage those already in existence.

This would be a most noble work. Think of these things; but after all, the important matter is *action*—united, immediate, persevering action.

C. J. NELSON, Chairman,

Report on Periodicals.

Your committee on Periodicals recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That without some correct medium of correspondence we cannot understand the wants nor the state of our cause generally.

Resolved, That the Biblical Recorder, printed at Raleigh, and ably conducted by bro. J. J. James, supplies this medium.

Resolved, That to sustain our cause we must sustain that paper.

Therefore, resolved, that we recommend to our brethren a generous sacrifice of feeling to the support of the Baptist cause in patronizing said paper.

M. BENNETT, Chairman.

Report on Letters.

The committee to whom the letters were referred beg leave to report:

We perceive no necessity for extended report. The letters all report their condition, though not as fully as they might be. They have not all reported the time of their constitution nor the amount of their contributions, nor Sabbath Schools. We recommend to the churches to report in their next on these subjects. The church at Albemarle, Tyrrell county, request the next session of this Association be held with them. Your committee recommend that their request be granted, and that the Association meet at Albemarle Thursday before the second Lord's day, in May 1856. The church at Goldsboro' also present a matter in their letter which your com: believe deserves notice. They say, we have no house of worship, and call on you for aid. Your committee would recommend to the favorable consideration of this Association their call. We hope that the brethren of this Association will aid them in building a suitable house of worship. We recommend that the clerk prepare a letter of correspondence to the different associations to be published in the minutes. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. D. ELWELL, Chairman.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF
PETER P. LAWRENCE.

This living copy of the spirit and precepts of "the glorious gospel of the blessed God," was born in Edenton, N. C., on the 23d of October, 1780; and died in Tarborough, same State, 10th of February, 1855.

He was baptised into the fellowship of the church at Bethel, Perquimans, N. C., about the year 1805.

He devoutly cherished that faith which gives full credit to all those solemn truths of the Bible that announce the total depravity of man; to all those which publish his awful punishment; and to all which show him saved by grace. He shuddered at the thought of contradicting that word of God which affirms that we are not "sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves," and he gloried in the saving truth that the sinner never receives justifying faith till he has laid aside all dependence on human merit in every shape. With his whole heart he believed that the promise of salvation "is of faith, that it might be by grace." He allowed no human authority to interpose between him and the Bible; no earthly mediator between him and Christ; no claim upon divine clemency between him and that which the faith of the heart ascribes alone to the Son of God.

The year 1819 first saw his name enrolled upon the list of the church of Christ in Tarborough

His heart was kept warm; it was an altar where evangelic fire never went out. Yet glowing and lasting as was his love for the brethren, it swerved him not from the path of duty. And when a part of his church in 1830, including his beloved pastor, declared war against the Mission enterprise, unable to comprehend how such opposition could carry the gospel to "all nations," with grief he gave those brethren up, unwilling that any objections to plans should prevent carrying out the commission of our Savior itself.

He was "Corresponding Secretary of the N. C. Bap. Benev. Society," and issued the circular calling a convention at Greenville. Pitt co., N. C., which originated the present N. C. Bap. State Convention." To this body he continued to be one of the most liberal co tributors, till he joined the convention in heaven. "Indeed, there was no object that commended itself to his conscience as scriptural and calculated to glorify God and benefit man, that did not receive his sympathy, his prayers, and contributions."

It was distinctly understood that his house was the home in Tarboro' for preachers. The way-faring servants of Jesus saw in our brother's countenance and hand that he delighted to do them good. To the pastor of his church he, almost almost alone, for years made punctual and ample compensation, as that church was too feeble to render much aid.

The neat, commodious and comfortable baptist church now in Tarboro', completed a few months before his death, the burden of whose expense devolved on him, yet causes him who is dead to speak.

He was not a sectarian for the sake of being called a Baptist, but for the sake of those truths in defending which the Baptists only allow the written word to stand alone.

On his death bed he said to his wife "*I have no fears of death. I am rooted and grounded in Christ.*"

He had filled with honor and ability the office of Cashier in the Branch Bank of the State, at Tarborough. He had been engaged in merchandizing in earlier life, during which time he had suffered heavy losses at sea. It is related of him that on one such occasion, having lost all his cargo, he immediately requested his creditors to take possession of his property. This act of magnanimity on his part was promptly met by one on theirs, they declining to take any part thereof, and leaving him to manage all at his discretion.

He was a devoted husband, and a kind father, and a good master. He possessed great firmness and decision of character. He was fervent in prayer and in spirit. And although his feelings under preaching were sometimes wrought up exceedingly high, even to cause him to speak audibly in token of approbation and delight, yet his deportment was uniform, grave, humble and meek, and always kind and his piety even.

Finally, there was something about the man and the christian which could be understood and appreciated only as it was seen.—His personal and moral worth, his dignity, his value as a citizen, and a member of the church, cannot be learned from a Biographical sketch. The resolution of his Association which gave rise to this little funeral notice may express their sense of his loss and of their regret; but it can never consecrate his memory to the eye of the reader, as his life did to the eye of the beholder.

But that life which was a practical commentary on the apostles' advice in the social relations, is ended. He rests from his labors, and his works will follow him. "Blessed are the dead which die in in the Lord." He "is not dead, but sleepeth."

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

PAMLICO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

ALBEMARLE, TYRRELL COUNTY, N. C.,

MAY 8—10, 1856.

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PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, May 8.

Met according to adjournment of the Fifth Annual Session.

The minister who had been nominated to preach the sermon Introductory, Elder J. G. Barkley, and the alternate, Elder H. Miner, both being absent, this service was by request of the Brethren performed by brother M. Bennett.

After intermission, the body was called to order by the Moderator; and the session was opened with prayer, led by brother Geo. Bradley.

In the absence of the former clerk, brother E. P. Powell, brother M. Bennett was nominated to serve, pro. tem.

The letters from the churches were then read.

To the call for petitionary letters, brother M. Bennett responded by presenting one from the church at Temperance Hall, Edgecombe; which was referred to the committee on letters.

The present session proper was then organized by appointing brethren Council Wooten, Moderator; M. Bennett, Clerk; and L. R. Gwaltney, assistant clerk.

An invitation to visiting ministers generally, was accepted by brother George Bradford, Agent for the S. B. Convention for Foreign Missions in the Eastern part of N. C.

Appointed the following committees:

On Letters, brethren Elwell, West and Bradford.

On Nominations, brethren T. A. Gorham, E. D. Elwell and Willis Pipkin.

On Benevolent Effort, brethren M. Bennett, G. M. West and L. R. Gwaltney.

On Public Services, brethren West, S. M. Alexander and R. Davenport.

On Periodicals, brethren Elwell, Gwaltney and Gorham.

On Sabbath Schools, brethren Bradford, Shadrach Wooten and William Rowe.

On Finance, brethren Brickhouse, Charles Mason and Samuel Woodley.

Adjourned to Friday 10 o'clock, A. M., with prayer, brother Gwaltney leading.

On Home Missions, E. A. Best, S. Wooten and J. J. Lindsay.

FRIDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Met according to adjournment.

Were led in prayer by brother David Coulling.

Read yesterday's proceedings.

Called the list of Delegates.

The invitation to visiting ministers was repeated, and accepted by brethren G. W. Huntley, Agent A. B. Union, and John Mitchell, Agent W. F. College, who took seats with us.

The committee on Public Services, reported brethren Huntley and Coulling to preach to-day.

The committee on Foreign Missions reported; and after interesting addresses from brethren Bradford and Huntley, it was adopted and ordered to be printed. See Index A.

The church at Cedar Branch presented their letter through brother H. H. Hardison their delegate, who took his seat.

The committee on Periodicals presented their report. And after addresses from brethren Bradford and Bennett, it was received for record. See Index B.

The committee on Letters reported favorably to the reception of Temperance Hall church. It was accordingly received, and entered on the list as the Hall; and their delegate, brother M. Bennett, recognized.

Adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M.

In session according to adjournment.

The committee on Sabbath Schools made their report; and after being addressed by brethren Gwaltney, Bradford and Bennett, adopted the report, and ordered it on record. See Index C.

Through brother E. A. Best, a petition signed by several brethren in Kinston, was presented, requesting the favor of our next session in that town. The petition was referred to the committee on Nominations.*

Offered and adopted the following, by brother Coulling:

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Association be requested to add to the statistical table a column for the names of the pastors of churches; and that this column stand next after that for the churches.

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* We tender our thanks to the brethren and friends of Kinston; and express the hope that at some future day we shall enjoy a pleasant session among them.—CLERK.

Albemarle church petitioned through brother Elwell, for the ordination of brother George M. West; and likewise Goldsborough church in her letter, asked for brother Coulling's ordination.

Whereupon the following examining and ordaining committee were appointed: brethren M. Bennett, Geo. Bradford, L. R. Gwaltney, G. W. Huntley, J. Mitchell, J. D. Elwell and E. A. Best, with request, that, if the candidates be found ripe for the gospel ministry, they ordain them on Sunday next.

It was resolved, that in future our annual session commences on Thursday next preceding the third Sunday in October.

P*esolved*, That this body add to the committees already appointed, one on Temperance, and one on Education.

And appointed on Temperance, brethren D. Coulling, Willis Pipkin and John Dawson.

On Education, John Mitchell, S. A. Alexander and T. A. Gorham.

Appointed a committee on Deacons, namely, C. Wooten, John Dawson, T. A. Gorham.

Brother Thomas Rayfield, present, was invited to a seat with us.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to present to the next session an Essay on the Duty of Pastors to their Churches; said committee to consist of brethren Bennett, Gwaltney and Coulling: and a committee of three to present an Essay on the Duty of Churches to their Pastors; this committee, brethren Best, Elwell and Barkley.

The following resolution was offered by brother Huntley:

WHEREAS, It is the duty of a Bible Society to circulate the most faithful versions of the Sacred Scriptures that can be procured; therefore,

Resolved, That we approve of the American Bible Union, whose object it is to procure and circulate the most faithful versions of the Bible in all languages throughout the world.

Agreed that brother Huntly have an opportunity to-morrow at 11 o'clock, to present before this body the claims of the American Bible Union.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, May 10.

Met pursuant to adjournment.
Opened proceedings with prayer.
Delegates were called.

Proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

The call for letters was renewed, when brother Elwell presented one from Connoeonaree, sent by favor.

The committee on Public Services reported brother G. M. West to preach at 11 o'clock to-day, and brother L. R. Gwaltney at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The committee on Temperance reported, and report was adopted, as denoted in the sequel by D.

The committee on Home Missions reported, and the report was adopted after remarks from brethren Bradford and Bennett. See E. Z.

By brother Gwaltney,

Resolved, That this Association appoint a committee to engage as soon as practicable, a missionary to labor in the bounds of this Association: the churches of this body to become responsible for his ample support.

Committee, brethren Elwell, Coulling and Gwaltney.

The committee on Letters reported. Report adopted. See Index E F.

Voted, that our next annual session be with the church in Greeneville, Pitt County, N. C., Thursday before the third Sunday in October, 1857.

The committee on ordination reported, and the report was adopted. See F G.

Resolved, That brother Mitchell be requested to forward to the Biblical Recorder and Religious Herald, a notice of the ordination, and order of the exercises.

The committee on Benevolent Effort reported; and report was adopted. See G.

The committee on the duty of Deacons made report.—Adopted. See H I.

The committee on Education submitted their report, when the body was addressed by brethren Mitchell, Gwaltney and Bradford, a collection was taken, and the report adopted. See K.

The report on nominations was presented and adopted. See L.

The committee on Finance reported, that they find contributed by the churches at this session $38.

[Note.—As no formal report of last year's finance is recorded in our minutes, nor any communication received from our former clerk on this subject, the committee of the present session were unable to give a more extended report.—*Clerk.*]

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be instructed to contract without delay with some suitable person as colporteur, and that said committee request the colporteur to enter forthwith on his mission: and that he obtain books exclusively from the S. B. P. Society.

Resolved, That the Pastors of the churches within our bounds be requested to lay before their respective flocks the necessity of raising a fund sufficient to establish a Book Depository within the limits of the Pamlico Association.

Requested the clerk to write a letter of fraternal correspondence to sister Associations. See M.

Ordered, That the clerk have a thousand copies of our proceedings printed, and forwarded to the churches.

Resolved, That the clerk be allowed fifteen dollars for his services.

Resolved, That this body tenders its sincere thanks to the inhabitants round Albemarle for their generous hospitality to the delegates and visitors during our present session.

Adjourned with prayer, to meet in Greeneville, Pitt County, on Thursday, 16 October next.

List of Churches and Clerks, with their Post-offices, &c.

CHURCHES.	CHURCH CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	COUNTIES.
Albemarle,	B. F. Sykes,	Columbia,	Tyrrell,
Alligator Lake,			"
Antioch,	Elisha Willey,	Heathville,	Halifax,
Bear Creek,	Council Wooten,	Mosely Hall,	Lenoir,
Cedar Branch,	H. H. Hardison,	Gardner's Bridge,	Martin,
Connoconaree,	Henry Pittman,	Enfield,	Halifax,
Ellis's,	B. Edwards,	Sparta,	Edgecombe,
Frazier's Sch'l H.	J. J. Davenport,	Plymouth,	Washington,
Friendship,	B. Herring,	Goldsboro',	Wayne,
Goldsboro',	E. B. Wood,	"	"
Greenville,	Robert S. Fife,	Greenville,	Pitt,
Grindell Creek,	J. C. Dixon,	Pactolus,	"
Gum Neck,	Ludford Cahoon,	Columbia,	Tyrrell,
Hall,	Henry B. S. Pitt,	Ring Wood,	Halifax,
Hancock's,	E. Ellis,	Greenville,	Pitt,
Little Creek,	Jno. C. C. Jenkins,	Ridge Spring,	"
Mount Zion,	William Comb,	Columbia,	Tyrrell,
Parker's Chapel,	R. M. Spier,	Greenville,	Pitt,
Quankee,	R. H. Walker,	Halifax,	Halifax,
Snow Hill,	J. Wood,	Snow Hill,	Greene,
Sound Side,	Asa Etheridge,	Columbia,	Tyrrell,
South Shore,	H. H. Holmes,	"	"
St. Johns,	Daniel Woodley,	Scuppernong,	Washington,
Tarborough,	—— Lipscomb,	Tarboro',	Edgecombe
Union,	Willis Pipkin,	Stray Bend,	Lenoir,
White Chapel,	William Rowe,	Scuppernong,	Washington

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by letter.	Restored.	Dis'd by letter.	Expelled.	Deceased.	Whites.	Colored.	Total in fel'hip.	Benevolence.	Which Sunday church meets.	Sun. Schools.	S. S. Scholars.	S. S. Teachers.	Contributions.	When constituted.
Albemarle,	G. M. West,	J. D. Elwell,§ S. M. Alexander, R. [Davenport.	24	2		3		3			140	$	1				$ 5	
Alligator Lake,†											37							1799
Antioch,	Mark Bennett,		2				2		56	7	64		3	1	9	3	1	
Bear Creek,	E. A. Best,	J. M. Hines,‡ S. Wooten, C. Wooten,	8	2	1			4	45	27	72		1&3	1			4	1851
Cedar Branch,	Reuben Newton,	H. H. Hardison, R. J. Hardison.‡	4		3		2	3	17	14	31		4				1½	1833
Connoconaree,	Wm. Kone,	J. G. Barkley,§ J. Pope‡ E. P. Pow- [ell,‡	32	7		1	1	4	75	92	167		3				3	
Ellis' M. H.†											45							
White Chapel,	G. M. West,	J. J. Lindsay, C. Mason, W. Rowe,	1				2	1			119		4				3	
Fraser's Sch. H.,†											16							
Hall,	Mark Bennett,										10		2				1	
Hancock's,†											58							1850
Goldsboro'	David Coulling,	D. Coulling,§ E. Wood,‡ - Williams.		1		2					36		3	1	80	12	3	
Greenville,	L. R. Gwaltney,	L. R. Gwaltney,§ Gorham & Paul,‡	8	3	1		5	1	59	15	74	90	1	1	65	14	4	
Gum Neck,	G. M. West,	Ludford Cahoon, B. Jones,‡	5					4			51		1				2	1808
Little Creek,	Reuben Newton,	J. W. Dawson, Wilkes‡ & Kiterell,‡	1	3					49	17	66		2				3	
Mount Zion,		E. Melson,‡ W. Comb,‡ J. Beasley,	14			1					63		3				1	
Parker's Capel,†											32							
Quankee,											45							
Snow Hill,	E. A. Best,		2						8	1	9						6	
Sound Side,	G. M. West,	J. Chaplin, B. Brickhouse, A. Ethe- [ridge,‡	1	1			6	1			62						2	
South Shore,†											25							
St. John's,	G. M. West,	S. Woodley, D. Woodley, J. Dustan,	1								55						1	
Tarborough,											6						2½	
Union,		C. Rouse,‡ C. Whitfield,‡ Willis [Pipkin,	5				4	1	17	16	33							
Friendship,†																		
Grindell Creek,†																		
†Not represented.		§Absent, §Ordained.																

SUNDAY, May 11, 1856.

Brother Gwaltney preached at 11 o'clock in the house to an attentive congregation. At the same hour brother Bradford preached in the grove. A collection was taken in both assemblies.

After an intermission, the whole congregation met in the grove, where the ordination of brethren G. M. West and David Coulling was solemnized, as recommended by the committee. See Index I.

Perfectly good order prevailed throughout the services. A rare circumstance on such occasions.

INDEX.

[A.]

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of Foreign Missions, beg leave to report :—We beg the brethren present, and the churches of this Association, not to forget that the greater portion of our race are yet without the gospel. And that the missionary boards which are endeavoring to spread the Word of Life are much hindered in their operations by the want of means.

Could our brethren in this section see the accounts, applications, and appeals constantly coming to our Board, and the scantiness of the means with which they have to meet them, we think they would feel stirred up to more activity and liberality in this cause.

What we need, are regular contributions from all our members. If each would give only a little regularly, the amount would probably be large enough not only to sustain, but greatly to enlarge the means, of our Foreign Mission operations.

Is it not time we had asked ourselves the question, what have we done, and what are we doing, for this righteous cause? If we have done but little heretofore, let us resolve to do better for the future. Let us remember that the commission was not given to preach the gospel to a few persons at home, but to teach all nations ; to preach to every creature.

Let us try, brethren, what we can do this year in this cause. Subscribe for the " Home and Foreign Journal," and you will see the need of a strong effort on your part for this glorious object.

May the God of all grace open our hearts, and make us more liberal, more prayerful, and more active in this his service.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. D. ELWELL, *Chairman.*

[B.]

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of Periodicals, ask leave to report :

We believe the reading of religious periodicals is too much neglected by the brethren of this Association. Many of our Baptist families do not read any religious paper, and, hence, they have no means of understanding the condition and wants of our denomination. And it is to be regretted that some who do read, patronize the presses of other denominations, not only to the neglect, but to the injury, of our only religious State paper. We believe that all Baptists ought to feel it their duty to lay aside the prints of other sects, since by encouraging them we countenance doctrines and usages which we hold to be at war with the Word of God.

We do earnestly recommend the Biblical Recorder to the brethren of this body, as a paper claiming their support: and we sincerely hope an effort will be made by individuals in every church of the Pamlico to insure the weekly visit of this paper to every family in our Associational territory.

We also recommend the Home and Foreign Journal; and we highly approve the Tennessee Baptist, the Baptist Memorial, and the Baptist Preacher, as papers which ably and faithfully serve the cause of Truth.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. D. ELWELL, *Chairman.*

[C.]

The committee on Sunday Schools submit the following Report:—It is evident to all acquainted with the subject, that Sunday Schools have been instrumental in accomplishing much good, both socially and morally. The great difficulty seems to be that we cannot induce our brethren to feel a lively interest in the enterprize. Especially is this indifference manifested in churches in the country which have not preaching every Sabbath. Judging from the letters, many of our churches are without Sunday Schools within your bounds. We would therefore urge upon the churches the importance of securing good libraries, and using all proper means in promoting and sustaining Sabbath Schools in all the churches connected with this body.

GEORGE BRADFORD, *Chairman.*

[D.]

Your committee on TEMPERANCE beg leave to present the following report: We regard Intemperance in the church as an evil, an unmitigated evil, for which there is no apology.

The Bible condemns it, common sense condemns it; and every *christian ought* to condemn it: though with shame we confess that some who call themselves christians, encourage it by precept and example. It diseases the body, enfeebles the intellect, inflames the passions, taints every affection, and chills every religious emotion of the soul. And in compensation for all this, it presents not a single redeeming feature. It has lead thousands to vice, infidelity, and spiritual death; but never has it assisted a single pilgrim of earth in his journey to the celestial city. Its influence is every where, and at all times opposed to the religion of Christ, and favorable to the cause of Satan. Could we speak to every church in our land, we would proclaim our utter abhorrence of the traffic in ardent spirits by members of the church. We would denounce it as a sin and a shame, that, men who profess to be the followers of Jesus, should be engaged in the work of the Devil; for that is his work which sends annually 30,000 bodies to the drunkard's grave, and their souls, we fear, to the place reserved for the Devil and his angels.

Had we the power, we would have carried before every man who perished in this unholy work, a banner, whose inscription should be, Behold the man who, for the sake of money, will place in jeopardy the temporal and eternal well-being of his fellow-men!

Is the church of Christ to look on in silence, while its members are thus engaged in that which, in the inebriate's esteem, renders worthless the death of Jesus? We answer, no! *A thousand times, No!* Let the churches promptly withdraw their communion from every member engaged in this distressing traffic, as for any other violation of christian behavior. So will one foul blot upon the fair fame of christianity be erased; and God will approve and bless the deed.

Respectfully submitted. D. COULLING, *Chairman.*

[E. Z.]

Your committee on Home Missions, beg leave to submit the following report:—Much has said and written upon this subject; but in this as in all other christian works, *faith without works is dead.* We may say to our beloved State—The gospel be preached unto thee. And it would have about the same effect as saying to the naked, "be ye clothed and warmed," would have, without giving any thing to clothe them. We intend, dear brethren, to say, that reports and resolutions will not give to our people the preached word. If we would benefit the naked, we must give them clothes. If we would have the word preached, we must send the preacher. The way to do this is for each one to feel and declare: "Upon me rests a part of this responsibility." If we feel otherwise we are anti-gospel-senders. And when we remember that there are hundreds within our bounds who never had an opportunity to hear Baptist preaching, we are obliged to believe that few calls can be made upon us more urgent than this. Your committee would, therefore, strongly recommend to you to have, at once, a faithful missionary in our Association, who shall try to preach the gospel to all the destitute within our bounds. Submitted.

E. A. BEST, *Chairman.*

[E. F.]

Your committee on Letters respectfully submit the following report: They find in the letters very little attention to the requirements of the Constitution. They are generally barren of their historical condition, and many, of their statistical. They exhibit the churches as sensible of defects; but thankful for God's kindness to them.

The committee would recommend to pastors an interchange of labors frequently; as gratifying to the churches, and a relief to pastors; and also, as calculated to revive religion, and build up the cause of our Beloved Master.

As several churches ask for the next session to be with them, and as there are strong conflicting claims, we would therefore recommend a vote by the whole body.

We recommend that the Goldsboro' Church's call for aid, in building a house of worship, receive the earnest attention of the churches and of individuals, as Goldsboro' is a point of rare importance. By the junction of several rail-roads, a good Baptist house there, would make the Baptist strength be felt abroad; while the absence of such a building must every where increase their weakness.

Respectfully submitted. D. COULLING, *Chairman.*

[G.]

The committee on Benevolent Effort, beg leave to present the following report:—On the subject of Christian Benevolenee, there has been much talking, and comparatively little action. This is the reverse of the principle which prevails in all secular pursuits. The man whose efforts are crowned with success, is the man of vigorous, patient and constant action. The time, which is wasted by others in long speeches and empty boasts, he employs in earnest effort. He not only resolves well, but he acts well. Who wonders at his success? Why should not this be the spirit of all Christian effort? Energetic and persevering action, on the part of every christian would soon scatter the blessings of our religion over all the destitute portions of our Association. Christians ought to love more, feel more for the destitute, and do more for their relief, than any other class of men, because the religion they profess, presents the highest style of human love, and the noblest standard of human effort. The christian, then, above all, should be most earnest and most faithful in his efforts to do good. Some churches and some individual christians are beginning to realize this idea of christian benevolence. They are beginning to feel that since they have been redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus Christ, they henceforth should live, not unto themselves, but unto Him who hath loved them, and given himself for them. They are never content with what they have done: their constant inquiry is, What *more* can we do? When an Agent visits them, instead of receiving him with looks that are ominous of hard times, and yet harder hearts, they greet him with a smile that seems to say, "Dear brother, we are glad, very glad, to see you. We thank you for giving us another opportunity to do something for the Lord. Welcome, Brother, to our homes, our hearts, and our purses. *They* are the Lord's.—*You* are *His* Agent. Use them for *His* cause."

Brethren of the Pamlico Association, how many churches and christians have you of this stamp? All honor to them. Do you admire their example? Do more, more than admire, imitate them. They desire not your praise, for they work for eternity: but they do desire your co-operation, in such a glorious work. We then earnestly beg you to respond generously to every enterprise which has for its object the advancement of our Master's cause. We need mention none particularly; for each will be the subject of a special report; and each is worthy of your cordial support. Empty your purses into the Treasury of the Lord, and he will fill your hearts with the riches of his grace.

Submitted. L. R. GWALTNEY, *Chairman.*

[H. I.]

Your committee on the Duty of Deacons submit the following report. The office of Deacon has for its object the proper regulation and management of the temporal interests of the churches. While it is the duty of the pastor to take the oversight of the flock of God; to preach the word, and administer the ordinances; it is the duty of the deacons to attend to the pecuniary concerns of the church, and especially, to make ample provision for the support of their pastor and his family, so that *his* time may be wholly given to the Lord. Our blessed Jesus has ordained that those who preach the gospel should live of the gospel. And shall we, dear brethren, *dare* we, refuse longer, bread to those who labor in word and doctrine? who minister unto us spiritual food?

Some of the deacons of the present day seem to take but little interest in this matter. They seem to be covetous, parsimonious, negligent, inactive, worldly minded; affording little or no assistance to their pastor, and, in fact, destitute of almost every qualification for the deaconship. (See 1 Tim. iii. 8—11.)

And how different, brethren, is the character of many of our deacons from that required of the first seven! They were to be men of honest report, and full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom. See Acts vi. 3.

Many deacons act as if, to hand around the elements at the celebration of the Lord's Supper, constituted their whole duty, when in fact, this, if their special duty at all. certainly comprises a very small part of it.—Any member might attend to that. But to see that provision is made for the support of their pastor is the special duty of the deacons. And this is a duty which should press upon them with no common weight.—They should see to it that their spiritual teacher is supplied with the necessary means of living, so as to enable him to give all his time to the study and preaching of the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ. The teacher must STUDY to shew himself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

The deacons should never rest satisfied until their pastor is paid; and he ought to be promptly paid. They have been chosen, and solemnly set apart for this important work, and if they will not do their duty, they ought at once to resign their office.

It should be remembered that the office of deacon is next in dignity and sacredness to the ministry; and all its duties should be discharged with honesty of purpose. Let us ask, in all candor, if one of the grand reasons why pastors are so poorly paid, is not because the deacons will not do their duty in this matter? We think it is. If our deacons would take hold of this subject in good earnest, and manifest an affectionate and tender regard both for the temporal welfare of their pastors, and for the success of their labors, a brighter day would soon dawn upon our churches. And we should no longer be pained to see churches, wealthy churches, paying their pastors ten or twenty dollars a year; not even enough to buy them one suit of clothes. It is time, brethren, to awake. All who love our Lord Jesus Christ ought to feel that it is not only their *duty*, but a *christian privilege*, to contribute something to the support of the gospel. The times call aloud to every lover of truth to step forward and do his duty in this good work.

We claim, beloved deacons, to be guided in our course by that precious Book, the Bible. Let us not fail to see, and feel, the importance of doing our whole duty.

There are many pious young men among us, with gifts and qualifications for the ministry, and who ought to give all their time to the work, but who are compelled to follow some other honest avocation, in order to support themselves and families. They are poor, and cannot devote themselves to the preaching of the gospel without aid.

Many of our ministers are now far advanced in life, and, in the ordinary course of events, cannot continue much longer in the gospel field. Therefore, brethren, we do hope that all our hearts and purses will be opened, and that our hands will contribute liberally to sustain a faithful gospel ministry so that our young ministers with all their gifts and qualifications may go forward to their work with a holy boldness, relying upon the preaching of the gospel for their support.

We are, brethren, as much bound by the laws of God to pay our preachers, as we are, by the laws of North Carolina, to pay our taxes.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. WOOTEN,
T. A. GORHAM, } *Com.*
J. DAWSON,

[J.]

Your committee appointed to examine brethren David Coulling and G. M. West, have discharged the duty assigned them; and being fully satisfied of the fitness of said brethren, report favorable to their ordination, which we recommend to take place on Sunday next at half past one o'clock, P. M., in the following order of Exercises:—Reading the Scriptures and hymn, by bro. L. R. Gwaltney; Prayer, by bro. E. A. Best; Sermon, by bro. M. Bennett; Ordaining Prayer, by bro. John Mitchell; Charge, by bro. Geo. Bradford; Presentation of the Bible, by brother G. W. Huntley; Extension of Right Hand, by brother J. D. Elwell; Doxology, by brother David Coulling; Benediction, by brother G. M. West. All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. BENNETT, *Chairman.*

[K.]

Your committee on Education, beg leave to report:—We are deeply impressed with the conviction, that the cause of Education, especially of Ministerial Education, is not appreciated as it should be, by the Baptist of this State.

Years of earnest and faithful effort, by a few noble men, have not yet resulted in the permanent establishment of a single male or female college. We have such institutions, it is true; but they are not as well sustained as they ought to be. Their influence is hardly a tithe of what they would command, if properly endowed and sustained. And why are they not? Is it because the Baptists are too few in number, or too poor to do it? Is it because they are too illiberal? Is it not, brethren, because they have not thought of this subject as they ought to have done? That they have never felt its importance to the cause of truth, and in building up and sustaining the Baptist denomination in our State? We think, brethren, the time has come for us to have, in our own State, Baptist schools, where Baptist children may be educated, without being taught to despise the faith of their fathers. Your committee think we ought to have at least, one good Baptist College in the State; and they would respectfully submit for your consideration—1. Ought not the Baptists to have a College in North Carolina? 2. Ought not that College to be endowed? 3. That each member consider what is his individual duty to do in this work.

We would also recommend to the favorable consideration of this body, all our schools and colleges, and urge upon our brethren more action, effort, and liberal patronage. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. MITCHEL,
T. A. GORHAM, } *Com.*
S. W. ALEXANDER,

[L.]

Your committee on Nominations respectfully submit the following report:

To preach the Introductory Sermon at next session, L. R. Gwaltney; alternate, David Coulling.

Delegates to the Baptist State Convention, Elders L. R. Gwaltney, David Coulling, and brethren T. A. Gorham and C. Wooten.

To Union Association, Elders Best and Coulling, and brethren Pipkin and Wooten.

To the Chowan Association, Elders J. D. Elwell, Gwaltney and Coulling, and brother Gorham.

To the Tar River Association, Elders Bennett and Barkley.

To the Portsmouth Association, Elder Elwell and J. J. Lindsay.

The Executive Committee, C. Wooten, T. A. Gorham, J. W. Dawson, J. Wood and E. P. Powell. Submitted.

J. D. ELWELL, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Finance report:—Received from the churches at the present session, and deposited in the Treasury,		Cr. $38 00
Allowed Clerk for services,	$15 00	
Paid for printing these proceedings,	30 00	

NOTE.—*The Clerk took the liberty of completing the finance report, as above.*

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[M.]

The Pamlico Association, in Session at Albemarle, Tyrrell County, N. C., 8--10 May, 1856.

To the B. S. Convention of N. C., the Union, Chowan, Tar River, and Portsmouth Associations, with fervent love:

BELOVED IN CHRIST JESUS :—By the grace of God we have had a delightful annual session. And we trust it has had some tendency to increase the joy and strengthen the union and fellowship of the churches. We feel and know that for the time, our hearts have been comforted and knit together in love.

We regretted, however, that we received no messenger from any of your bodies: yet we hope you will do better another time.

We enjoyed the presence and aid of brethren John Mitchel, Agent of W. F. College; George Bradford, Agent of F. B. S. B. Convention; and G. W. Huntley, Agent A. B. Union.

We ordained to the work of the gospel ministry two brethren, namely, G. M. West, of Tyrrell, and David Coulling of Goldsboro'. The scene was impressive, and hope was cheered as we beheld the Lord of the harvest sending into his harvest two laborers at once.

The cordial hospitality received during the session, fully sustained the reputation already earned by Eastern North Carolina.

The degree of satisfaction due to us from benevolent effort, we must leave to your judgment when you read our proceedings. We fear we are wanting in *home religion;* in meekness, humility and devotion, the only sound mainsprings of Benevolent Effort.

Our next session will be in Greenville, Pitt county, 16th of October next, when and where it will afford us comfort and benefit to take any of our distant brethren by the hand. A little exertion, brethren, added to the desire of sweet communion with saints, will, with God's blessing, bring us together in Greenville. Grace be with you all.

C. WOOTEN, *Moderator.*

M. BENNETT, *Clerk.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

PAMLICO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

GOLDSBORO', N. C.,

OCTOBER 15—17, 1857,

GOLDSBORO':
NATH'L. S. RICHARDSON, PRINTER.
1857.

PROCEEDINGS.

GOLDSBORO', N. C., Oct., 15th, 1857.

The Seventh Annual Session of the Pamlico Baptist, Association met with the Church at Goldsboro to-day.

There being so few of the delegates present it was agreed to defer preaching the Introductory Sermon till to-morrow 11 o'clock. The body was called to order by the former Moderator, bro. C. Wooten, and opened with prayer by Elder Coulling. Letters from the different Churches were then called for, and those present handed in and read. Bro. C. Wooten was re-elected Moderator, and bro. E. P. Powell, Clerk. Invitation to visiting brethren given, and accepted by Elder George Bradford, Agent of the Southern Board of Foreign Missions.

The following committees were then announced by the chair : On Letters, Elder E. A. Best, brothers J. Carter, E. B. Wood. On Nominations, Elder W. R. McDonald, bro's. C. Rouse, J. Murray. On Finance, bro's. C. J. Nelson, L. Dawson, J. Murray. To arrange public services for the session, Elder Coulling, bro's Nelson, W. Pipkin.

On motion, adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M. Prayer by Elder Bradford.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M. Association met. Prayer by bro. McDonald. Petitionary and corresponding letters called for, none presented. The call for church letters renewed, and one from the church at Snow Hill presented and read. Owing to the very small delegation present, moved to adjourn till to-morrow 10 o'clock, A. M. Prayer, by bro. Best

FRIDAY, 10 o'clock, A. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder J. S. Purify. Proceedings of yesterday read. Letters again called for, and one from Conoconary presented and read. Invitation to visiting brethren renewed, and responded to by Elders Purify, from the Raleigh, Baldwin from the Beulah, Prichard, Wallace and Kennedy from the Union Associations. Also Elder Mitchell, Agent for W. F. College.

On another call for letters of correspondence, one from the Union Association was presented and read.

Committees to report on the following subjects were next appointed by the Moderator :

On Sunday Schools, McDonald, Kennedy, Nelson. On Home Missions, Prichard, Bizzell, Carter. On Foreign Missions, Bradford, Fife, J. Wood. On Periodicals, Mitchell, Dawson, Murray. On Education, Purify, Baldwin, Mitchell. Executive Committee—C. Wooten, T. A. Gorham, J. W. Dawson, J. Wood, E. P. Powell, C. Rouse, J. Murray and R. Wooten. The report on nominations was then read and adopted. See appendix, A.

On motion, adjourned to 2½ o'clock P. M.

After adjournment, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Best, from Malachi 3, 8., Elder M. Bennett not being present.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK, P. M. Association met. Opened with prayer by bro. Prichard. In the absence of the Moderator, bro. Murray was called to the chair, *pro tem.*

On motion by Elder Coulling, the following brethren were appointed to prepare reports to be read at the next session of this body: On Sunday Schools, C. J. Nelson. Home Missions, W R McDonald. Foreign Missions, Elder Best. Periodicals, M. Bennet. Education, J. Murray.

A letter was received from a bro. in Tarboro and read before the Association. It related to the state of the Baptist church at that place, and was referred to the committee on Home Missions. Report on Sunday Schools was next read, and after most interesting remarks by brethren, was adopted (See B.) Elder Weatherly of the Union Association being present, was invited to a seat with us; also bro. Hardison from the church at Cedar Branch, being present, and not having a letter from his church, was desired to participate with us in our deliberations. Brethren Coulling, McDonald and Powell were appointed a committee to arrange the business for the transaction of the Association to-morrow.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow. Prayer by bro. Weatherly.

SATURDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Association met. Opened with prayer by bro. Wallace.

Report on the business for the day read and adopted.—Roll called, and proceedings of yesterday read. The following resolutions were offered and adopted.

By Elder Best, *Resolved*, That the Executive committee of this Association meet for the transaction of business once every three months, and that they be requested to meet at Snow Hill on Friday before the fifth Sunday in November.

By bro. J. Wood, *Resolved*, That we tender our grateful thanks to the citizens of Goldsboro', for their kindness and hospitality to us during the session of our body.

By bro. E. B. Wood, *Resolved*, That this Association deems it highly important that no one be ordained to the Gospel ministry within our bounds without the concurrence of this body.

By Elder Coulling; WHEREAS, There is great and lamentable neglect on the part of the churches in our Association in attending its meetings, and whereas we feel that great good may and must grow out of full, prompt and continued attendance upon its meetings: therefore, *Resolved*, That we earnestly request the churches to be more prompt in sending their delegates to the sessions of this body.

Bro. Oliver, of the Union Association, was invited to a seat with us.

On motion, by bro. R. Wooten, it was *Resolved*, That the collection to be taken up to-morrow in behalf of missions be placed in the hands of the Executive committee, to aid in paying for the services of an itinerant to labor within the bounds of this Association.

A vote of thanks was passed to those denominations who tendered the use of their houses of worship to the Association during its session.

The Clerk was requested to have one thousand copies of the proceedings printed and forwarded to the churches—was also allowed fifteen dollars for his services.

On motion of R. Wooten, it was agreed that in case the Executive committee should fail to procure the services of an efficient minister to labor within our bounds, that they be requested to procure a Colporteur to operate within the bounds of this Association, and that he procure books from the Southern Baptist Publication Society.

The Clerk was requested to write a letter of correspondence to be appended to the Minutes.

It was *Resolved*, to hold a mass meeting to night for the purpose of raising funds to aid in building a Baptist meeting House in the town of Goldsboro.

A motion to change the time of the meeting of this body, was, after some debate lost, whereupon it was,

Resolved, That our next session be held with the church at Little Creek to commence on Thursday before the third Sunday in October, 1858.

Report on Home Missions was read, and after a few remarks, adopted. See C. Report on Foreign Missions read, and after interesting remarks by brethren, was adopted.—See D. Also report on Periodicals read and adopted. See E.

Moved to adjourn to 2½ o'clock P. M. Prayer, by bro. Kennedy.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK. Association called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Prichard. Report on Education read and adopted. See F. Also the one on Letters, adopted. See G.

On motion of bro. McDonald, it was *Resolved*, to appoint a committee to take into consideration the expediency of establishing a Male school of high order within the bounds of this Association. Said committee to receive propositions as to the place of location and cost of building, and to report at the next Association. Committee, McDonald, Gorham, Murray, L. Dawson.

Bro. Nelson moved, that the Association take the necessary steps for the ordination of bro J. T. Albritton. (After the appointment of a presbytery, bro. Albritton declined being ordained at this time.)

On motion, a committee of three was appointed to visit Friendship church and ascertain the cause why said church does not correspond with this Association, either by letter or delegates, or both.

The subject of Home Missions was again taken up, and after discussion the sum of three hundred dollars was subscribed by various brethren to aid in the support of a Missionary within our bounds.

Bro. C. J. Nelson was elected Treasurer of the Association.

After the reading of the Minutes, the Association adjourned to meet at Little Creek, Thursday before the third Sunday in October, 1858. Prayer by Elder Baldwin.

C. WOOTEN, *Moderator*.

E. P. POWELL, *Clerk*.

STATISTICAL

CHURCHES.	*DELEGATES.*
Antioch,	No Letter or Delegate,
Albemarle,	do do
Alligator Lake,	do do
Bear Creek,	C. Wooten, O. Bizzell, M. Hines,
Cedar Branch,	H. H. Hardison,
Conoconary,	*J. G. Barkley, *S. Cochran, E. P Powell
Ellis' M. H.	†John Carter, Thomas Stancel,
Friendship,	No Letter or Delegate,
Free Chapel,	do do
Frazier's S. House,	do do
Goldsboro',	†D. Coulling, E. B. Wood, C. J. Nelson,
Grindol Creek,	No Letter or Delegate,
Greenville,	†W. R. McDonald, J. Murray R. S. Fife,
Gum Neck,	No Letter or Delegate,
Hancock's,	*J O Cox, *J McGlawhorne, *W H Smith
Little Creek,	Levi Dawson, *J W Dawson, *J T Davis,
Mount Zion,	No Letter or Delegate,
Parker's Chapel,	do do
Quanky Chapel,	do do
Snow Hill,	Jonathan Wood,
Sound Side,	No Letter or Delegate,
South Shore,	do do
St. John's,	do do
Union,	W Pipkin, C Rouse, *T J Wombwell,
Tarboro',	No Letter or Delegate,
White Chapel,	do do
Hall,	do do

*Absentees—†Ministers.

Statistics of Churches not represented are taken from the last published Minutes. CLERK.

TABLE.

Baptized.	Recd. by Letter.	Dis'd by Letter.	Expelled.	Deceased.	Whites.	Colored.	Total in Fellowship.	Sunday Church meets.	Sunday Schools.	S S Scholars.	S S Teachers.	Contributions
					57	7	64	3				
							140	1				
							37					
		2	1	3	40	27	67	1 & 3	1			$4 00
					17	14	31	4				
16	4	3	1	1	74	113	187	3	1	12	3	2 00
							30	4				1 00
							16					
28	7	6			70	17	87	1,2,3,4	1	72	14	3 00
41	3	8	3	1	83	27	110		1	40	10	4 00
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							63	3				
							32					
							45					
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							62					
							25					
							55					
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							119	4				
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90	15	21	5	8	456	251	1398		4	124	27	$23 00

APPENDIX.

A

Report on Nominations.

Your committee on Nominations respectfully submit the following report :

To preach the Introductory Sermon at next session, Dr. Coulling, alternate W. R. McDonald.

Delegates to the Baptist State Convention, Dr. Coulling and bro. C. Wooten. To Union Association, E. A. Best, Dr. Coulling. To Chowan Association, Dr. Coulling and bro. Gorham. To Tar River Association Elders Bennett and Barkley. To Portsmouth Association, Elder W. R. McDonald. To Raleigh Association Dr. Coulling, Elder Bennett, W. R. McDONALD, *Chairman.*

B

Report on Sabbath Schools.

Your committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to submit the following report :

This is an institution only secondary to the pulpit itself, No church can hope for permanent prosperity that dispenses with this instrumentality. From this nursery we are to secure the most valuable accessions to our churches.

"Youth is the time to serve the Lord
The time to insure the great reward."

The fearful probability is, that unless the young are early converted they will never be brought into the fold of Christ. We deem extended remarks unnecessary. Action is needed not words. Your committee earnestly recommend the pastors to bring this subject before their churches. We also suggest the propriety of holding durnig the coming year a Sunday School Convention within the bounds of this Association. All of which is Respectfully submitted.

W. R. McDONALD, *Chairman.*

C

Report on Home Missions.

The committee appointed to report on the subject of Home Missions submit the following:

Your committee regret that they are not better informed in regard to the destitution that exists within our bounds — But the information we have is sufficient to awaken our tenderest sensibilities and call forth our most fervent prayers, our most strenuous exertions and liberal contributions. We learn with deep regret that there are several towns of considerable importance entirely destitute of preaching by our denomination. And also, that there are large districts of country, and almost entire counties that are entirely destitute of a preached gospel.

Now a knowledge of these things, devolves a weighty responsibility upon this Association. Many of us enjoy the precious privilege of hearing the gospel from Sabbath to Sabbath. And God has bestowed upon us abundant means to enable us to send the Gospel to those who are destitute of it. And we confidently believe, that our brethren and sisters are willing to contribute liberally if this subject is properly presented to them. We are of the opinion that the best way to accomplish this object is to make a plain statement of the actual state of things to each of our churches, and to appeal to them to contribute of their money and by their prayers and efforts to supply the destitution. To carry out this, we earnestly recommend that one or two brethren be appointed at once, to travel and preach throughout our entire bounds. And we recommend the appointment of a committee of our most prudent and active brethren to manage and direct all these things and report to our next Association.

Respectfully submitted, J. L. PRICHARD, *Chairman.*

D

Report on Foreign Missions.

Your committee beg leave to Report, that from information received in relation to the Foreign Mission enterprise, efforts are being made to enlarge the field of operations, and increase the number of laborers in heathen lands, and thus strive to extend the Redeemer's Kingdom in the earth — We should not forget dear brethren, that the duty devolves on us, to aid by our prayers and contributions in the evangelization of this fallen world. The last words of Jesus, in the great commission, will be in force and binding on every believer, until the last hour of time. And the word of God teaches us that those who "Sow sparingly shall also reap sparingly," and that those who 'sow bountifully, shall also reap bountifully."

In conclusion, we are persuaded that churches to enjoy prosperity, must cherish the spirit of the Gospel, which is a spirit of benevolence. Respectfully submitted,

GEO. BRADFORD, *Chairman.*

E

Report on Periodicals.

The press is potent both for evil and good. Ours is a reading people, and they ought to be well supplied with religious books and periodicals.

It is much to be regretted that many of the publications of this day are not only worthless, but decidedly pernicious — In order to counteract the evil tendency of these unsanctified productions, a religious literature ought to be encouraged and extensively circulated. The importance of religious newspapers cannot well be over-estimated, Every family should be well supplied with them, and we earnestly recommend to our brethren and friends generally, the Biblica Recorder, the only organ of our denomination in this State, and also the Home and Foreign Journal, and the Commission organs of our general Boards and published in Richmond. Respectfully submitted, J. MITCHELL, *Chairman.*

F

Report on Education.

We deem it useless to urge in general the claims of education, as doubtless every member of this Association is fully impressed with its importance. But we will call attention to some specific items.

1 We would recommend as worthy of your patronage, our Female schools at Murfresboro' and Oxford ; the first under the Presidency of Rev. W. Hooper, assisted by able teachers ; the latter under the Presidency of Bro. John Mills, assisted by competent instructors. Send your daughters and have them educated in our own schools.

2 We recommend that this Association erect a good male school preparatory to Wake Forest College. Locate it in a good neighborhood for morals and boarding houses, near to a Baptist church, at a cost of not more than twelve hundred dollars ($1200) for a house with two rooms, book cases for a library, &c. The neighborhood will subscribe the money and deed the premises to Trustees appointed by the Association. This done, prepare your sons for College, and send them to Wake Forest to complete their education.

3 We recommend the Association to patronize Wake Forest College by sending their sons, with the assurance that they can obtain as good an education there as at any other college.

4 We recommend that this Association lend a helping

hand in the noble enterprise of endowing Wake Forest College. We are gratified to learn that there is now wanting but about six thousand dollars ($6000) to complete the noble plan commenced at the Convention last fall of raising an unincumbered fund of $50,000 for this object, which will be put at interest only to be used in defraying the expenses of the College; thus securing a sure and permanent income to the College to sustain it in the midst of difficulties or reverses of fortune. We are glad to inform this body that Wake Forest College has already at interest about $18,000. When this 50,000 is completed and all the other subscriptions collected, we will have a fund of about $80,000 yielding an annual interest of $4,800 which will, for the present times, place the College upon a firm and sure basis.

5 We recommend our beloved Bro. John Mitchel, Agent for Wake Forest College, to the kind reception of the churches of this Association. Respectfully submitted.

JAMES. S. PURIFY, *Chairman.*

G

Report on Church Letters.

The committee on Church Letters submit the following as their report:

There are only about one-third of the churches represented at the present session of this Association. Of those represented there are but few who give any cheering intelligence. Very few report baptisms as having occured during the last Associational year. We commend to your special consideration the request of the Goldsboro church to assist them in erecting a house of worship. Union and Little Creek churches both ask that the next session of this Association may be held with them. Respectfully submitted.

E. A. BEST, *Chairman.*

II

Report on Finance.

The committee on Finance beg leave to report that the nine churches have sent up for the minute fund twenty-three dollars. C. J. NELSON, *Chairman.*

Letter of Correspondence.

THE PAMLICO TO HER SISTER CORRESPONDING ASSOCIATIONS.
DEAR BRETHREN :

We have again had the pleasure through a kind providence, to meet and deliberate on matters that we trust tend to the advancement of Christ's kingdom on the earth, and to the building up and establishing his children in the faith of the gospel. And we are happy in saying that we had the pleasure of meeting with numerous brethren from some of our sister Associations, who aided us no little by their councils and prayers; But our joy would have been increased could we have greeted more of our brethren. We hope some good has and will accrue from what was done during the session.

But few, very few of our churches were represented, from which it is evident that they are in a cold state. Many of our churches are destitute of pastors, and some destitute of preaching. Brethren pray for us that God will give us more laborers, and that the time may soon come when we can rally a host to fight the battles of Jehovah.

Our next session will be held with the church at Little Creek to commence Thursday before the third Sunday in Oct. 1858. Brethren, will not many of you meet us there?—We hope you will.

E. P. POWELL.

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NAMES OF CLERKS, WITH THEIR P. O.

Churches.	*Clerks.*	*Post Office.*	
SNOW HILL,	J. Wood,	Snow Hill,	Greene Co.
ELLIS,	John Carter,	Sparta,	Edgecombe.
LITTLE CREEK.	J.C.C. Jenkins,	Ridge Spring,	Greene.
GREENVILLE,	R. S. Fife,	Greenville,	Pitt.
ALBEMARLE,	B. F. Sykes,	Columbia,	Tyrrell.
HANCOOKS,	Eleazer Ellis,	Greenville,	Pitt.
UNION,	Calvin Rouse,	Strabane,	Lenoir.
CONCORD,	J. H. Holton,	Jackson,	Craven.
BEAR CREEK,	C. Wooten,	Mosely Hall,	Lenoir.
CONOCONARY,	E. P. Powell,	Enfield,	Halifax.
TAWBORO,	—— Lipscombe,	Tawboro,	Edgecombe.

PROCEEDINGS.

LITTLE CREEK, GREENE CO., N. C.
Thursday, Oct. 14, 1858.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Eld. Askew, in the absence of Elds. Couling and McDonald appointed to that service. The text was selected from John 4: 34—36.

After a short intermission the delegates were called together. Prayer by Eld. Wilcox. Letters from the churches were called for and read.

The Association then organized by the appointment of bro. C. Wooten, Moderator, and E. P. Powell, Clerk.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats; the following were recognized viz. M. Bennett, Wilcox, White, Beachum, Askew, Meadows. The following committees were then appointed by the chair, viz: Finance, C. J. Nelson, Levi Dawson, E. A. Best. Letters, M. Bennett, J. M. Hines, J. Carter. Nominations, E. F. Beachum, R. S. Fife, J. Wood. To arrange Public services of the session, J. W. Dawson, M. Carr, H. Johnson.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

STATISTICAL

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.
Antioch,	No letter or delegate,
Albemarle,*	Rich'd. Davenport,† Sam'l. Alexander,†
Alligator Lake,	No letter or delegate,
Bear Creek,	Shade Wooten,† J. M. Hines, C. Wooten,
Cedar Branch,	No letter or delegate.
Conoconary,	J. G. Barkley* Blount Spier† E. P. Powell
Concord,	Jesse Bennett,* H. Holton, G. C. Holton,
Ellis' M. H.,	Jno. Carter, J. K. White, Thos. Edwards†
Friendship,	No delegate or letter.
Free Chapel,	do do
Frazier's S. House,	do do
Goldsboro,	S. H. Denmark, C. J. Nelson, W. Pipkin,
Grindol Creek,	No letter or delegate,
Greenville,	R. S. Fife, J. S. Brown, B. J. Wilson,
Gum Neck,	No delegate or letter.
Hancock's,	E. Ellis,† J. McGlawhorne, J. C. Cox,
Hall,	No delegate or letter.
Little Creek,	H. Johnson, J. C. C. Jenkins, Levi Dawson
Mount Zion,	No delegate or letter.
Parker's Chapel,	do do
Quankey Chapel,	do do
Snow Hill,	John Joyner,† J. Wood,
Sound Side,	No letter or delegate,
South Shore,	do do
St. John's,	do do
Tawboro,	do do
Union,	William Sutton, C. Whitfield, C. Rouse,
White Chapel,	No letter or delegate,

* Ministers. † Absent.

Statistics of Churches not represented taken from the old Minutes. * The Clerk received the letter from the Church at Albemarle after the Association adjourned.

TABLE.

Baptized.	Recd. by Letter.	Restored.	Dis'd. by Letter.	Expelled.	Deceased.	Whites.	Colored.	Total in Fellowship.	Sunday Schools.	S. S. Scholars.	S. S. Teachers.	Contributions.
						57	7	64				
								140				$1 00
								37				
			2					64	1			4 00
						17	14	31				
8			2	3	4	70	113	183	1	12	3	2 00
								26				2 00
						21		21				
								16				
3	5		2	9	1	59	19	78	1	72	14	3 00
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								119				
20	14	1	11	20	6	375	212	1338	4	124	27	$23 00

The Churches are requested to be more particular, in their letters to the Association, in giving their statistics; and also superscribe the Churches name on the letter.

Friday, October 15.

The Association met; prayer by Elder Best. Minutes of yesterday read; invitation to visiting brethren renewed. Call for letters again given.

Petitionary letters were, on motion, called for, and one was handed in and read from a newly constituted church—Concord. Accompanying the letter were the articles of faith and covenant of said church; after the reading of which, she was, on motion, recognized as a constituent member of this Association, and the right hand of fellowship was extended to her delegates, and their names enrolled on the Minutes.

On motion, a call for letters of correspondence was given, but none presented.

On motion, called for reports of committees appointed on yesterday; but the committees not being prepared to report, it was resolved to call for reports of standing committees, when the one on Sabbath Schools was read and adopted, accompanied by very feeling remarks from various brethren. Report on Foreign Missions, next read and adopted; also report on Periodicals read and adopted.

The committee appointed at the last session of this body to visit the church at Friendship, having failed to perform their duty, brethren C. J. Nelson, Willis Pipkin, and the Pastor of the Goldsboro church were appointed to visit said church and report at the next session of this Association.

The standing committee on Education not being present, brethren Fife, Beachum, and Wood, were appointed to prepare a report on the subject to be presented to-morrow.

On motion, adjourned until afternoon.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

Association met. Brethren Nelson, Rouse, and Pipkin, were constituted a committee to prepare to be read to-morrow, a report on Home Missions.

A resolution to alter the time of the meeting of this Association, so as to leave out Sunday, was, on motion, laid on the table.

On motion, the ministers present were appointed a presbytery to examine, and if found qualified, ordain brethren Jesse Bennett, and J. T. Albritton to the work of the gospel ministry.

On motion, adjourned to meet to-morrow, 10 o'clock A. M. Prayer by bro. Fife.

SATURDAY, Oct. 16, 10 O'clock, A. M.

Association met. Prayer by brother Albritton. Proceedings of yesterday read, roll called ; invitation extended to visiting brethren. Report on letters read and, after amendment, adopted. Report on Home Missions read, and pending its adoption, Eld. Askew presented a report, which, after being read, was ordered to be appended to the Minutes.

On motion, adjourned half an hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met. Brother Nelson, chairman of the committee on Finance, reported that the churches represented at this session had sent up to the Minute fund twenty-four dollars.

Report on Nominations read and adopted.

On motion of bro. Wood, it was resolved that we reconsider the Resolution of last year (found on page fifth of last year's minutes,) on the ordination of ministers. After discussion, said resolution was rescinded by this Association.

The committee, appointed to examine brethren Jesse Bennett, and J. T. Albritton, reported, through Elder M. Bennett, chairman, that they deemed bro. Bennett ripe for ordination ; whereupon it was resolved that he be ordained to-morrow. (Bro. Albritton again declined.)

The Executive committee was called on to make report of their progress during the Associational year just closed ; but in the absence of their secretary, could make but a verbal report.

The following brethren were appointed the Executive committee of this Association for the present Associational year, viz : J. S. Brown, J. Wood, C. J. Nelson, Jas. Murray, Wm. Sutton, J. M. Hines, R. L. Wooten, Levi Dawson, E. P. Powell.

On motion, it was resolved that a collection be taken up on to-morrow, the proceeds of which are to be applied to the use of the Executive committee. Report on Education read, and after remarks, adopted.

A resolution of thanks was passed for the hospitalities of the people of this vicinity, to the members and delegates of this Association during its session.

The subject of establishing a male school of high order, in the bounds of this Association, being again brought up, it was, on motion of Eld. Wilcox,

Resolved, That brethren J. J. Baker, Willis Pipkin, C. Wooten, and J. S. Brown, be constituted a committee to take pledges to purchase a building and lot in Goldsboro for the purposes of a Male School to be held by Trustees to be appointed by this Association, secure the same, and commence the school as soon as practicable.

Resolved further, That said School be under the control, and above mentioned property be held in trust by said committee, until the next session of this Association, when they shall deed the same to trustees appointed by this body.

The following brethren were appointed to prepare Reports on the following named subjects for the next session of this body—viz, Sabbath schools, E. A. Best; Home Missions C. J. Nelson; Foreign Missions, Geo. Bradford; Periodicals, J. G. Barkley; Education, M Bennett.

Brother Nelson was appointed Treasurer of this Association.

The Clerk was requested to have one thousand copies of our proceedings printed and sent to the churches.

On motion, the Asociation adjourned to meet with the church at Bear Creek, Lenoir County, N. C., on Thursday before the third Sunday in October 1859.

Prayer by Elder Barkley.

C WOOTEN, *Moderator.*

E. P. Powell, Clerk.

Elder Barkley, and M. Bennett, preached on Sunday to a large audience, and we trust good was done by the word preached. Bro. Jesse Bennett, was also ordained to the work of the gospel ministry.

Reports of Committees.

Report on Nominations.

Your committee on nominations, respectfully submit the following.

As delegates to the Baptist State Convention, Elders Bradford and Johnson, and bros. C. Wooten and C. J. Nelson.

To the Union Association, bros. E. A. Best, Bradford and Beachum.

To the Chowan Association, bros. Bennett, Barkley and Spivey.

To the Tar River Association, bros. Bennett, Bradford and Johnson.

To the Portsmouth Association, bros. Bradford, Barkley and Spivey.

To the Raleigh Association, bros. E. A. Best, Bradford and Beachum.

To preach the Introductory Sermon at the next session of this body, E. F. Beachum, bro. Bradford, alternate.

E. F. BEACHUM,
J. WOOD,
R. S. FIFE,

Report on Letters.

Your Committee on Letters ask leave to report:

That the letters generally are deficient in furnishing statistics, and consequently the Table will be very incomplete.

Nevertheless, the small number of letters received are expressive of joy derived from the privilege of an annual meeting.

We deem the letters also deficient in historical matter. From them the body cannot learn with sufficient fullness nor distinctness the progress and changes during the Associational year.

We infer from their contents that few of the churches have much energy, that they are backward in active duty and benevolent enterprise.—Sabbath schools are few, ministers not many, and pastors rare.

In some instances members have been received from a different denomination without our baptizing them. Yet we judge the churches generally sound "in the faith."

We beg leave to advise the churches either to represent more punctually, by letter or else in form the body forthwith, the reason why they are not represented, Furthermore, that in their letters they be careful to give the variations and changes during the preceding associational year. And for the sake of our Lord the blessed Redeemer, that each letter in 1859, *report a Sabbath school in progress.*

We recommend a warm and cheering salutation to those churches which have written.

Your committee find an only petition in the letters, namely: from the church at Bear Creek for the next session. Of course we suggest to you the propriety of granting her petition without hesitatation. Respectfully submitted,

M. Bennett, *Chairman.*

Report on Home Missions.

Your committee on Home Missions submit the following:

Your committee regret, that in view of the importance of the subject of home missions, that the time allotted is not sufficient for us to do justice to the subject; and therefore, can only say that we believe, that from a proper cultivation of the field of destitution in our bounds, we shall be better able to do more for all the other interests of the Association.

But the question arises, what is the best plan for the cultivation of the field in our own bounds. Your committee would recommend the former plan of the Association: the employment of an itinerant or itinerants; but not to ride over the whole bounds of the Association; but where they find a destitution, there set their stakes and go to work, build up a church or churches, and not leave them until they are able to live of themselves. Your committee believe that there are but few destitute sections that would not in a short time, become self-sustaining and perhaps do something to promote the Redeemer's cause in other portions. In connexion with our report, we append the letter of Bro. N. Askew.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

C. J. Nelson, *Chairman.*

During the latter part of June, I visited the eastern part of Craven County and commenced preaching in the neighborhood of Concord M. H. on Bay River. After preaching eight days in the church and private houses in the neighborhood, I, on Saturday the 3rd. day of July, constituted the first regular Baptist church at Concord, consisting then of 15 members. On Saturday before the 3rd. Sunday in July I again commenced a series of meetings in the church and neighborhood, which lasted nine days, during which time 7 were received into the fellowship of the church, 5 by baptism and 2 by experience, one of whom (Jesse Bennett) the church has licensed to preach the Gospel.

The Lord has blessed my labors to as great an extent as I could have expected under unfavorable circumstances, and I thank God that he will have the truth prevail against all opposition combined. Since the above named addition to the church, there has been 4 received into the church by experience, and there is a prospect of much more good being done in this place by the Baptists. This section of country has been almost entirely destitute of regular Baptist preaching for a number of years, but is a field of labor that should not be neglected.

During a part of the interval between my first and second series of meetings at Concord, I preached in the Academy in the town of Jackson, and a few times in Milton M. H., at the head of Bay River. Though a large part of my meetings both at Jackson and Milton were well attended with attentive hearers, I cannot say that much good has been accomplished by them yet, but hope that the seed has been sown which will yet spring up and bear much fruit to the glory of God, and the good of souls. The regular Baptists have a strong opposition here, composed of different denominations; but the most rigid are of those that cannot afford to follow Christ into the watery grave.

I should have mentioned before that I have preached once in Cross Road M. H. I have also preached at Goose Creek M. H., to several attentive congregations. I have also preached in private houses in the neighborhood of Milton. I have preached several sermons in Mount Zion M. H., and the neighborhood about it.

Since the above named meetings at Concord, we have had several interesting meetings. The people in this section of country, are generally unacquainted with our doctrines, but I believe that there are many who are studying our doctrines and becoming convinced that it is the doctrine of the Bible. I also believe that there are many sin-sick souls, who when they are fully killed to the love of sin and made alive to righteousness, will unite with the regular Baptist church. I view the prospect in the field of labor, as being encouraging at present, and think the Baptists will prosper in it if the people can have regular Baptist preaching. Through the influence of Jesse H. Holton and G. E. Holton, the Biblical Recorder, Tennessee Baptist, Iron Wheel, Theodosia and other good works, are now being read to some extent, which I think will legitimately result in much good in the cause of Christ. I have been engaged in all the time I have spent in this section and in going to and from home, ninety-eight days, and if my memory serves me right I have preached in all seventy sermons, and held family prayer in all the families which I have visited. No more at present.

Yours truly,

N. Askew.

P. S. I have received 12 dollars since I have been in this section. I should have received more, but expecting pay otherwise I advised the brethren to subscribe what they were willing to pay to a preacher that would preach in this section the next ensuing year. The little church at

Concord, together with the outsiders have agreed to pay Eighty dollars to a preacher that will preach for them the next year. N. A.

Report on Foreign Missions.

The present is an era in the history of Foreign Missions. The millions of China and Africa are now accessible, and circumstances seem to have devolved upon christians in this our beloved country the duty of giving them the word of life. The churches of Jesus Christ are to be the agents by which the gospel is to be proclaimed to the idolatrous heathen, and by which all the tribes of the world are to see the salvation of the Lord. No christian who reflects at all upon the condition of the heathen, if he have a just sense of what he himself has experienced from the grace of God, can fail to feel most deeply for their wretched condition. Nor can he fail to see that those who dwell in darkness, those who are ignorant of the way of life, possess stronger claims to his aid than those do upon whom shines the full splendor of the gospel sun. Here we are taught to lisp the name of Jesus by our pious mothers and christian fathers, but the heathen have none to teach them the way of life. Few are they on whose ears fall the accents of mercy: bending and grovelling in the dust before the gods of their own making, they know nothing of a crucified Saviour; they are truly perishing for the lack of knowledge. Says the Apostle, "how then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed, and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard, and how shall they hear without a preacher, and how can they preach except they be sent?" Therefore, it behooves every one who has ever tasted that the Lord is gracious, to seriously consider how far he may promote the grand design the apostle had in view when he propounded the above momentous questions, and be ready to urge on its speedy accomplishment.

We have dear brethren and sisters who are toiling in the foreign field. Shall they not share in our sympathies, prayers and contributions?

All of which is respectfully submitted,

E. A. Best, *Ch'n.*

Report on Sabbath Schools.

Your committee on Sabbath Schools submit the following: In looking over the broad field of christian enterprise, the Sabbath School stands prominent among the agencies for good. It has a direct influence upon the mind, and that mind of such character that every touch leaves its mark. It plants in the young mind principles of truth that grows with its growth, and strengthens with its strength; until finally awakened by the holy Spirit it germinates, and an immortal soul is saved.

The glory of this Institution is, that, it reaches all ranks and ages. It reaches out its hands of love to the poor neglected child of want; also to the child of wicked, abandoned parents. These all are brought within its hallowed influence, and often carry the truth home to those who never heard it before.

With these facts apparent, still, we are conscious there is a great neglect of Sabbath School instruction in our churches. Many a member takes no interest in it. Many churches have no Sabbath School, and we fear that some pastors neglect their duty in this respect.

We believe that every church should have its Sabbath School, whether it has five or one hundred scholars. Our children in a christian land all need instruction, and more particularly religious instruction; which is the duty of us all.

Your committee recommend every christian to lend a helping hand. Give your labour and prayers to this great enterprise, and see the benefits of your labour. We further recommend that this subject be kept before the people by your beloved ministers, and bretheren generally.

All of which we respectfully submit.

C. J. Nelson, *Chairman.*

Report on Periodicals.

Your committee on Periodicals ask leave to report:

That they view the religious newspaper as intimately connected with all our religious interests. It does much towards giving our *past*, a *record*; our *present*, a *visible recognition*; and our *future* the dint of *plan* and *purpose*. It is the focus of general action; and without it we have no intercommunication, and churches and individuals would remain strangers to each other. It gives power to the Sabbath School; preparation and force to the Convention; aids the pulpit in its orthodoxy, and helps the Theological Seminary to spring up and to live. It is the defender of Christ's ordinances, and the definer of denominational creeds. It stands next to public preaching in its influence, and very much shapes the preaching itself. For as is the religious journal, such will be the character of the pulpit. If the former be in its character, pious, able, full of plain truth, and correct intelligence, so will be the latter. But if the former abound in cavil, perpersonal bickering, idle rumor, flowery fiction, self applause and fulsome drapery, so will be the latter.

Therefore, a religious newspaper must be conducted with great meekness, living piety, and distinguished ability. Sabbath Schools may allow inferior teachers, pulpits may admit weak ministers, societies may employ feeble agents, but the editor must be, as well as the preacher, 'simple, grave, sincere—decent, solemn, chaste,' serious, sober, wise, courteous, bold and independent.

We, therefore, recommend the following resolutions, namely:

Resolved, That the Baptist strength will ever be commensurate with its patronage of the religious journal.

Resolved, That the "Biblical Recorder," edited by Elder J. J. James of Raleigh, N. C., ought to double its list of subscribers among the Baptists before the close of 1859.

Resolved, That the delays and delinquencies of subscribers in paying for the "Recorder," is a matter of sore regret; and ought to stand as lasting reproach to all such.

Submitted,

M. BENNETT, *Ch'n.*

Report on Education.

It is useless for us to urge the claims of education, for it is well known by every member of this Association that it is a subject of great importance, one that each and every one of this body feels that is needed, yea, that must be had. Do we want our churches enlightened upon the great fundamental doctrines of the Bible? if so they must have education among them. Do we want to see our brethren stand up as monuments of living characters to the world around them? then, if you do, the remedy is at hand. Educate them and we warrant that such will undoubtedly be the case. We will now call your attention to some very specific items. We would not merely call your attention to them, but we desire every one who has sons, daughters or wards to be educated, to take this subject into serious consideration.

1. As a committee we would beg leave to recommend to your worthy patronage, our Female Schools at Murfreesboro and Oxford, the first which has for its president, Rev. W. Hooper, and who is assisted by well qualified teachers; the latter school has for its president, Bro. John Mills, who is also assisted by competent instructors. Brethren, do you want your daughters educated? well accomplished? then if such be your desire, send them to these schools.

2. It seems to us that a high male school preparatory for Wake Forest College is very much needed in this section of country, and as such we recommend that this association erect within its bounds a good male school.

We would further suggest that it be located in a good neighborhood for morals and boarding houses, near to some Baptist Church, at a cost of not more than twelve hundred dollars for a house with rooms, book cases for a library. We have no hesitancy in saying that we believe that the neigborhood will subscribe the amount of money necessary, and deed the premises to trustees appointed by the association. When this is done prepare your sons for college, and send them to Wake Forest to complete their education.

We often hear it said, and by Baptists too, that they are under no particular obligation to patronize Wake Forest, that other schools are equally as good, and conducted as well. We deny this, and say Baptists as a whole are under obligations to do all in their power for this institution, and that it is as good if not superior to any school in the State, conducted with as much precision and good order, if not better than any other school.

Such being the case we recommend the association to patronize it by sending their sons, with the assurance that they can obtain as good an education there as at any other college in the State.

Your committee have had so short a time to prepare a report as it should be on this subject, have thought it not amiss to insert some facts which you can readily see by reference to the old minutes in a report on the same subject.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

R. S. FIFE, *Ch'n.*

CONSTITUTION OF THE

Pamlico Baptist Association.

1. This body shall be known as the Pamlico Baptist Association of North Carolina.

2. This body shall be composed of delegates chosen annually by the churches, each church being entitled to three delegates, who shall bear a letter stating the present condition and progress during the past year: the names of their Pastors, Clerks and delegates; the number added by baptism and letter, both white and colored; the number excluded and deceased, also the number dismissed by letter; the number of Sabbath Schools and Bible classes; the amount contributed for

benevolent objects, and whatever may be for the interest of the body.

3. The Association shall appoint annually a Moderator, whose duty it shall be, to preserve order, nominate committees and conduct the business of the Association with dispatch. Also a Secretary and Treasurer, who shall serve during the pleasure of the body.

4. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men, by means of a preached gospel; the purity and activity of the churches, in wielding our influence, talent, and wealth, to the glory of God and the salvation of sinners.

5. Each church will be expected to contribute according to their ability to support the preached gospel among them, to defray the incidental expenses of the churches at home, and the Association in printing her proceedings, and sustain all her benevolent operations.

6. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a faithful record of all the proceedings of the body in a book provided for that purpose, and of the Treasurer, to receive, keep and pay over all funds committed to his hands, promptly as ordered by the body.

7. It shall be the province of the Association to appoint a prudential committee to whom the consummation of any measure may be submitted, which committee shall be amenable for their official acts to the Association.

8. Churches may become members of this body by petition and recommendation upon an examination; and correspondence with other bodies shall be conducted by letter, and exchange of minutes, or the appointment of delegates as the body may dictate.

9. This Association will maintain fellowship with such churches only as maintain purity of doctrine, gospel discipline, and exercise a mutual watch and care over her members, and respect the Constitution of the Association.

10. This body will require of ministers credentials, or certificates of character and standing to be presented to the body or any church within its bounds, prior to reception in this body; and regard as valid the ordination of only such men as give evidence of a work of grace upon the heart, and as are called of God to preach the gospel, and are approved by some church particularly, and generally by the Association.

11. The annual meeting of this body shall be held at such time and place as the Association shall appoint.

12. The Association shall have a sermon annually, as the first business of the Association.

13. This constitution may be altered or amended by the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

Declaration of Faith.

I. OF THE SCRIPTURES.

We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end; and truth without any mixture of error for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us; and therefore is, and shall remain, to the end of the world, the true centre of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and opinions should be tried.

II. OF THE TRUE GOD.

That there is one, and only one, true and living God, whose name is JEHOVAH, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of Heaven and Earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness; worthy of all possible honor, confidence, and love; revealed under the personal and relative distinctions of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

III. OF THE FALL OF MAN.

That man was created in a state of holiness, under the law of his maker; but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state; in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint but choice; being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, wholly given to the gratification of the world, of Satan, and of their own sinful passion, and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defence, or excuse.

IV. OF THE WAY OF SALVATION.

That the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace; through the Meditorial Offices of the Son of God, who took upon Him our nature yet without sin; honored the law by His personal obedience, and made atonement for our sins by His death; being risen from the dead He is now enthroned in heaven; and uniting in His wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections, is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate, and an all-sufficient Saviour.

V. OF JUSTIFICATION.

That the great gospel blessing which Christ of His fullness bestows on such as believe in him is Justification; that Justification consists in the pardon of sin and the promise of eternal life, on principles of righteousness; that it is bestowed not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through His own redemption and righteousness; that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.

VI. OF THE FREENESS OF SALVATION.

That the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel, that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial and obedient faith; and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth, but his own determined depravity and voluntary rejection of the gospel, which rejection will submit him to an aggravated condemnation.

VII. OF GRACE IN REGENERATION.

That in order to be saved we must be regenerated or born again; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind; and is effected in a manner above our comprehension or calculation, by the power of the Holy Spirit, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the gospel; and that its proper evidence is found in the holy fruit which we bring forth to the glory of God.

VIII. OF GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE.

That Election is the gracious purposes of God, according to which He regenerates, sanctifies, and saves sinners; that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely wise, holy, and unchangeable; that it utterly excludes boasting and promotes humility, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of his free mercy; that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree; that it is ascertained by its effects in all who believe the gospel; it is the foundation of Christian assurance; and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves, demands and deserves our utmost diligence.

IX. OF THE PERSEVERANCE OF SAINTS.

That such only are real believers as endure unto the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special Providence watches over their welfare; and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

X. HARMONY OF THE LAW AND GOSPEL.

That the Law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of His moral government; that it is holy, just, and good; and the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfil its precepts, arises entirely from their love of sin; to deliver them from which, and to restore them through a Mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy law, is one great end of the gospel, and of the Means of Grace connected with the establishment of the visible church.

XI. OF A GOSPEL CHURCH.

That a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by His laws; and exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His word;

that its only proper officers are Bishops or Pastors, and Deacons, whose qualifications, claims, and duties are defined in the Epistles to Timothy and Titus.

XII. OF BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER.

That Christian Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, in the name of the Father, Son, and Spirit; to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Saviour; that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation; and to the Lord's Supper, in which the members of the church by the use of bread and wine are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ; preceded always by solemn self-examination.

XIII. OF THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.

That the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, or Christian Sabbath; and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes, by abstaining from all secular labor and sinful recreation; by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both private and public; and by preparation for that rest that remaineth for the people of God.

XIV. OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

That civil government is of divine appointment for the interest and good order of human society; and that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscienciously honored, and obeyed, except things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of the conscience, and the Prince of the kings of the earth.

XV. OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED.

That there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the Spirit of of our God, are truly righteous in his esteem; while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in his sight wicked, and under the curse; and this distinction holds among men both in and after death.

XVI. OF THE WORLD TO COME.

That the end of this world is appoaching; that at the Last Day, Christ will descend from heaven, and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged by endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy; and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1st. At each meeting of the body for business, the Moderator, or, in his absence, the Secretary, shall call the Association to order, at which time the body will hear a sermon by some one previously appointed.

2nd. The order shall be after sermon, first the election of a Moderator, second the appointment of the Committee of Arrangements—a committee on letters—a committee on benevolent efforts, and a committee to arrange the services of the session.

3d. The presiding officer shall, as far as in him lies, maintain a strict conformity to the Constitution and Rules of Decorum of the Association. He shall appoint Committees, decide questions of order, and give his views on any point under discussion, after others are done speaking.

4th. The names of the delegates shall be called each day of the session, previous to proceeding to business, and minutes of the preceding meeting read and approved.

5th. The members shall observe that respect towards the officers and each other, which becometh those that reverence God—whose they are, and whom they serve. When any member is about to speak in debate, or make any remarks, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address the Moderator,—shall confine himself to the question under consideration, and avoid all personalities. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave.

6th. When a motion is made without a second, it shall not receive attention ; but if seconded, it shall be stated by the Moderator, or if in writing shall be read by the Secretary before debate.

7th. After a motion is stated by the Moderator or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed in the posession of the Association, but may be withdrawn at any time by the mover, previous to discussion.

8th. When a question is on debate, no motion or proposition shall be received, but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend or postpone indefinitely: which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

9th. When a motion has been carried, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority to move a reconsideration thereof on the same day.

10. When a subject is presented and is promptly opposed by any member, it shall be admitted to consideration only by vote of the Association.

11th. No member shall absent himself from the meeting of the Association, unless he have permission, or be sick or unable to attend.

12. All questions except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. These rules of order may be altered or amended at any annnal session of the Association by the vote of two thirds of the delegates present.

“'Tis Only a Prayer-Meeting.”

“'Tis only a prayer-meeting,” is sometimes heard
From the lips of the thoughtless and gay,
When aside from God's house they carelessly turn,
With no thought or desire to pray.

“'Tis only a prayer meeting,” such care not to go,
And thus pass a brief hour away;
No sermon or lecture is there to be heard,
A few have met only to pray.

They care not to go, as no crowd may be there—
Perhaps no attractive display:
For pleasure they seek, to find it elsewhere,
And not among those who there pray.

But we hear not such words from the contrite in heart,
Who would turn from their follies away;
For those who are striving the Saviour to know,
Would there seek to wrestle and pray.

'Tis there that the penitent seeks for relief,
And ne'er from God's house turns away,
But ever rejoice to hear the glad sound,
God's people have gone up to pray.

The Christian when sad and desponding in heart,
When dark is the night, and dreary the day,
Can gladly repair to the house of his God,
And find him with those who earnestly pray.

If two or three there in unison meet,
The promise is sure that God will be there,
To hear and to answer, to own and to bless,
Each fervent petition, and each humble prayer.

Such special communion with Christ here on earth,
Is a foretaste of bliss in realms far away—
Those realms of bright glory, of peace and of love,
That home of the soul who here lov'st to pray.

“'Tis only a prayer meeting,” what thrilling import,
Such words to the mind do ever convey!
That one should so lightly, so carelessly speak,
When the life of the souls—is ever to pray.

Then turn not away, frail mortal of earth—
From the altar of prayer, O! turn not away,
But seek for the peace and pardon of God,
Which only is found when we earnestly pray.

Greenville, N. C. S. A. J.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

PAMLICO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

BEAR CREEK, LENOIR COUNTY, N. C.,

October 13--15, 1859.

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Bear Creek, Lenoir County, N. C.,
Thursday, Oct. 13th, 1859.

In the absence of Elders Beachum and Bradford, who were appointed to preach the Introductory sermon, Elder L. Thorne performed that service, from 2nd Tim., 1st chapt., 7th verse.—"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

After intermission, the delegates assembled. Prayer by Elder M. Bennett.

Letters called for and read: when the Association organized by the election, by ballot, of C. Wooten, Moderator, and E. P. Powell, Clerk.

On motion, petitionary and corresponding letters were called for: when one of correspondence from the Union Association was read.

On a motion for visiting brethren to take seats with us, Elders Prichard, Wilcox, Best, and Hufham of the Union; Thorne, of the Sandy Creek; and bro. J. Beal, of the Tar River Association, came forward; also Elder J. F. B. Mays, Agent of S. B. Theological Seminary.

The following brethren were next appointed a committee to arrange the order of business for the Association, viz:—Elders Keesee, M. Bennett, and Hufham.

Brethren Nelson, Pipkin, and Smith were appointed a Financial committee.

To arrange religious services during the session,—brethren R. L. Wooten, J. Hines, John Joyner.

Committee to report on letters sent up from the churches—Elders Petty, Keesee, and Prichard.

On Nominations—brethren Rogers, Hines, Keesee.

On best method for promoting the welfare of the churches within our bounds—Elders M. Bennett, Hufham, and bro. J. Wood.

In the absence of Elder Barkley, who was appointed to write a report on Periodicals, Elder Wilcox was requested to perform that service. Elder Thorne was also appointed to prepare a report on Foreign Missions, in place of Elder Bradford, absent.

The committee on religious services being called on, reported, and were discharged.

On motion, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow. Prayer by Elder Prichard.

Friday, Oct. 14th.

The Association met according to adjournment, and opened with prayer by Elder Wilcox.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Two letters were handed in and read from churches not represented yesterday.

Invitation to visiting brethren renewed, and accepted by Elder Bogart, Agent of American Bible Union; brethren Oliver, Askew, Wallace, and Utley, of the Union Association.

After the report of the committee to arrange business for the transaction of the Association, Elder Mays laid before the body the objects and claims of the Seminary, for which he is acting as Agent, followed by remarks from brethren Prichard and Hufham; after which he (Elder Mays) took up a collection, the amount of which, with the name of each donor, may be seen in Appendix.

On motion adjourned half an hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met, and was called to order by the Moderator, when the committee on Letters reported, and report adopted.

The church at Antioch, a member of this body, having petitioned in her letter for a letter of dismission from this Association it was, on motion, resolved that the petition be granted.

The petition of the church at Conoconary for the next session of this Association was also granted.

The church at Quankee Chapel, a member of this body, having asked the advice of this Association, in a matter concerning which said church seemed to be in difficulty, it was, on motion of Elder M. Bennett,

Resolved, That in reference to the request of Quankee, we have no right to take cognizance of the matter; and affectionately advise them to examine into the deed, and try to adopt such a course as may, in that case, be equitable and satisfactory.

The report on F. Missions was next read; and, after interesting remarks by various brethren, was adopted.

The report of the Executive Committee of this Association being called for, they, in the absence of their Secretary, were indulged till to-morrow to make a report.

The Association adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow. Prayer by Elder Prichard.

Saturday, Oct. 15th.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder J. J. James.

Minutes of yesterday read.

Invitation to visiting brethren given and accepted by Elders J. J. James and J. S. Purefoy, as corresponding delegates from the Raleigh, and W. M. Wingate, from Tar River Association.

The report on Periodicals was then read; and, after remarks from brethren James, Keesee, and Hufham, adopted.

A letter from the church at St. John's was handed in and read.

The Executive Committee reported; and, after remarks by brethren Oliver Wooten, Mays, and Keesee, the report was adopted.

The committee on the best method for promoting the welfare of the churches, reported; and finding a motion to strike out a part of the report, there were most feeling and interesting remarks made by brethren Hufham, Keesee, Mays, Bennett, Wooten, Petty, Purefoy, James, Wood, and Nelson; after which the motion to strike out unanimously prevailed, and report adopted.

The Association next appointed the following brethren the Executive Committee for the next Associational year: J. Wood, R. L. Wooten, John Dawson, C. J. Nelson, W. H. Smith, John Lindsey, Thos. M. Carter, —— Davenport, and E. P. Powell.

On motion, adjourned half an hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met, when the following reports were read and adopted: On Nominations, report of committee of Finance, Treasurer's report, and report on Home Missions.

After the adoption of the report on Home Missions, subscriptions for the Itinerant fund within our bounds were made. In view of the Christ-like spirit of benevolence and Missionary feeling that seemed to, and doubtless did pervade the hearts of the brethren and sisters present, on motion of bro. Hufham, bro. Bennett was called on and lead in prayer to the God of Missions that he would bless our Association, and make it more effective in the promotion of the cause of Christ.

[The names of contributors, with the amount each paid or subscribed, can be found on another page.—Clerk.]

Report on Sabbath Schools read and laid on the table.

[Just here, the Clerk will take the liberty to say, that in the hurry of business, the hour having arrived for the Association to adjourn, this last report was doubtless lost sight of, or it certainly would have been noticed further.—Clerk.]

The following by Elder Purefoy was adopted :

Resolved, That this Association will co-operate with the N. C. Baptist State Convention in the work of Colportage.

On motion of brother Keesee,

Resolved, That the churches be requested to send the amounts they are willing to contribute for the next year to the Itinerant fund.

Report on Education read and adopted.

On motion of bro. Wilcox,

Resolved, That we, the delegates and visitors of the Pamlico Association, tender our sincere thanks to the members of Bear Creek church, and friends generally, for their generous entertainment at their houses. And we will ever remember their noble christian benevolence, and pray that the greatest of heaven's blessings may rest upon them and their children.

The Clerk was requested to have one thousand copies of these proceedings printed and distributed among the churches. After which the Association adjourned to meet with the church at Conoconary, Halifax County, N. C., on Thursday before the third Sabbath in October, 1860.

C. WOOTEN, Moderator.

E. P. Powell, Clerk.

There was preaching at the stand each day while the Association was in session, and on Sabbath, Elders Wingate, Thorn and Purefoy, preached to a very large audience, and the fruits of the word preached we can but hope and pray will be seen after many days.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES. *Absent.	Baptized.	Rec'd by letter.	Restored.	Dis'd by letter.	Expelled.	Deceased.	Whites.	Colored.	Total in fellowship.	Sab. Schools.	S. S. Scholars.	S. S. Teachers.	Contributions.
Antioch,	Joseph J. Porter, Elisha Willey,*	2	2			1	4	50	6	56				$1 50
Albemarle,	Not represented by letter or delegate,									140				
Alligator Lake,	Not represented by letter or delegate,									37				
Bear Creek,	James N. Hines, C. Wooten, R. L. Wooten,				5			33	8	41	1			4 00
Cedar Branch,	Not represented by letter or delegate,							17	14	31				
Conoconary,	J. T. Lawrence,* W. D. Barkley,* E. P. Powell,	19	1		5	1	5	67	123	190				3 00
Concord,	Jesse Bennett, J. H. Holton, George C. Holton,	1	5							32	1			2 00
Ellis' M. H.,	John Carter, Thomas Stancill,* J. K. White,*									19				1 00
Friendship,	Not represented by letter or delegate,													
Free Chapel	Not represented by letter or delegate,													
Frazier's S. House,	Not represented by letter or delegate,													
Goldsboro,	G. W. Keesee, W. Pipkin, J. H. Privett,	4	4		1		3	62	20	82	1	60	16	3 00
Grindel Creek,	Not represented by letter or delegate.													
Greenville,	John S. Brown, Richard Rouse,* J. A. Parker,*	3	1		3	4	2	86	28	114	1	60	13	4 00
Gum Neck,	Not represented by letter or delegate,									51				
Hancock's,	Wm. H. Smith, J. McLehorn, J. C. Cox,	25	2				1	56	17	73				3 00
Hall,	M. Bennett,									7				1 00
Little Creek	J. W. Dawson, S. Kittrell, J. C. C. Jinkins,							46	15	61				3 00
Mount Zion,	Not represented by letter or delegate,									63				
Parker's Chapel,	Not represented by letter or delegate,									32				
Quankee Chapel,	Not represented by letter or delegate.													
Snow Hill,	J. Wood, J. Joyner,				1			10	2	12	1			2 00
Sound Side,	Eli Rhodes,* John Godwin,*				4	3	1	43	9	52				1 00
South Shore	Not represented by letter or delegate.													
St Johns,	Jephtha Davenport,* Floyd Bateman,*						5	30	7	37				1 00
Tarboro,	J. L. Battle, Thomas M. Carter,	2	2							11	1			2 00
Union,	Wm. Sutton, Constantine Whitfield, Calvin Rouse,	2		2				22	23	45				3 00
White Chapel,	Not represented by letter or delegate,									119				

Appendix.

REPORT ON THE BEST METHOD TO PROMOTE THE WELFARE OF THE CHURCHES.

Your committee, to report on the best method of promoting the welfare of the churches of this Association, respectfully submit the following:

The present condition of the most of the churches of this Association, is really heart-rending. Many of them are without Pastors, are doing nothing for benevolent objects, and are rapidly going to ruin. From nearly all, there is a complaint of coldness and want of spirituality. With twenty-eight churches in our bounds, we are doing painfully little. The heathen world is stretching out its hands imploringly to us, every breeze that crosses the ocean wave brings to our ears the wail of souls perishing for the "lack of knowledge;" and yet, with a few exceptions, the churches of this Association are disregarding the voice of God, and the call of their fellowmen.

There is in our bounds a destitution extensive enough to call forth all our energies, and yet we are listless and inactive. Our attempts to establish a system of "Home Missions," have hitherto been futile. From the statements made yesterday evening by a member of the Executive Committee, we learn that they have during the past year, attempted but little, and even that little has been almost a failure.

It is evident that a change for the better is desirable. To remain in our present condition is a sin and a crying shame. What then is to be done? The following suggestions are respectfully submitted:

1. We recommend the appointment of a prompt, efficient, and punctual Executive Committee.

The failures of the past warn us that without such a committee we may hope for nothing.

2. A hearty co-operation with this committee on the part of the churches.

3. Humble, heart-felt, united prayer for the blessings of God on the labors of those ministers, who are now among us, and for the raising up of more laborers.

M. BENNETT..

REPORT ON LETTERS.

Your committee beg leave to report:

That it is a source of much gratification to us, that the number of letters received from the churches, is larger than at the last Association.

We learn from those letters, that a large number of the churches are destitute of preaching; and, of course, are doing but little for the cause of religion in the section of country where they are situated.

We find among the number a petition from Antioch church, requesting dismission from this body, for the purpose of joining the Tar River Association; and seeing no reason why the petition may not be granted, we therefore suggest to this body the propriety of so doing.

We also find a petition from Conoconary church, that the next session of the Association be held with it; and as this is the only one of its kind, we recommend that the request be granted.

Your committee finding nothing more of interest contained in the letters of the churches, to report, respectfully submit the foregoing.

H. PETTY, Chairman.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee appointed to report on Home Missions offer the following:

We understand that this subject refers to the supply of the destitution within our own bounds. Our churches are spread over a large region of country, embraced between the Roanoke River on the north, and the Neuse River on the south, and the Wilmington and Weldon Rail Road on the west, and the Atlantic Ocean on the east. These churches are themselves in many cases destitute of Pastors and of preaching, and many of them are, to all purposes, dead, and there are large tracts of country entirely destitute of Baptist preaching. If we had the services of a dozen men at our control, we could find ample room for their labors.

There are several causes which conduce to protract this period of destitution, many of the churches have never enjoyed the advantage of good Pastors, and hence they have never been well trained. They do not properly realize the importance of supporting a ministry among themselves or their neighboring regions. Many parts of our territory are unhealthy, and those who have been raised in a higher country have been loth to come into these miasmatic regions. Again, there is every where a great call for ministers. All these things have made us, and still keep us very destitute of the preaching of the word. But we have been negligent, in that we have done scarcely anything at all to remedy this state of affairs.

We recommend that the Executive Committee shall make a more strenuous effort to send one or more Missionaries into the destitute fields around us.

We also recommend that some step be taken to supply our people with religious books. There is not, that we know of any Baptist Colporter among us. If we can supply the funds, we may get the services of a book distributer under the control of the Convention of the State.

Respectfully submitted.

C. J. NELSON, Chairman.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

How deep and active should be our sympathy, when, from every portion of the earth there comes to us the cry, "come over and help us!" Not only our sympathy for distress, but our obligation to our Redeemer, to preach the gospel of peace "to all the world," should move us to the greatest activity. It is not famine and poverty we are called upon to relieve, it is the necessity of the mind and soul.

The moral distress of the earth demands our labors, there is but one balm for all the sorrows which afflict the world, and it behooves us to unite with God's people in the great undertaking of bearing this treasure to the boundries of our globe.

Dear brethren, are we laboring in this work? This is our time.—The *now* is the hour in which we occupy the Theater of action. If we are negligent the world has lost the labor of a generation.

Let us not say and do not, but let us both say and do. And, brethren, let us submit it to our consciences whether we, individually, have done, and are doing according to the ability which God has given us. Let us pray fervently, every day, that the Holy Spirit may impress us with a due sense of our responsibility, and instruct us in the true spirit of sanctification to God and his church.

Under the circumstances which press upon us, how generous should be our liberality? Let *us* not sleep as do others. Let us not be covetous. And in our contributions let us not fear that we shall give too much, but let us tremble and fear before God, lest we keep back too much. Ah! let us fear lest we prove unfaithful stewards of what God has given us. Let us utter in its true spirit the petition, "Thy kingdom come." Then shall our souls and property not only be the Lord's, but also the churches.—The commission is obeyed, and the world is overspread with the glorious gospel of the blessed God.

Respectfully submitted.

L. THORN.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee on Education respectfully tenders:

Education, *abstractedly*, as defined by Webster, is, "The bringing up, as of a child; instruction; formation of manners. Education comprehends all that series of instruction and discipline which is intended to enlighten the understanding, correct the temper, and form the habits and manners of youth, and fit them for usefulness in their future stations. To give children a good education in manners, arts, and science, is important; to give them a religious education is indispensable; and an immense responsibility rests on parents and guardians who neglect these duties."—*Springfield Ed.* Mass., 1855.

The education of children, except the literary part, we believe, is, entirely neglected, at least, by many parents. And, as a general rule, such children make neither good children, nor good adults; neither good citizens, nor good church-members. And the parent who neglects to govern and train his or her children, is very apt to be impious and useless to the church, and more or less injurious to society; and is a habitual violator of the Fifth commandment. Children who are allowed to have their own way, and to govern their parents, can not be expected to be subject to any good government, even when grown up. So that the behavior of young ladies and young men, in every company, shows the spectator whether or not they have been well or illy educated.

Religiously. Every professor is a disciple, that is, a scholar, or a pupil, a learner. And hence, every church member's conduct shows every day, at home, and in the house of worship, how much education they have; and whether piety has been their study, or whether they have had little, or nothing, to do with it. Many, very many, Baptists, are ignorant of the lessons given them in the word of God, and of the doctrines taught by their pastor. The lesson of the Baptist faith they are unable to recite. Many of them need to go to the infant school and begin their education in A, B, C. We need education in strict discipline: every church needs a seminary for it. We need graduates who will know how to exclude members from church fellowship, for idolatry; for irreverent and profane language; for Sabbath breaking; for disobedience to parents; for excessive gallantry, (exclude preachers as well as others,) fraud in trade, and every degree of avoiding the payment of debts; for covetousness; for evil speaking, drunkenness, and for words not true.

Ministerially. The meaning of words, and the progressive learning of the age, require the preacher to be an educated man. The Baptist Pulpit requires general science. *And the proper* USE *and* APPLICATION of literature constitute a profound study for the gospel minister. How to *acquire* ministerial education, is not a more important question than, how to use authors. And just here, the mind of the biblical student is many a time diverted from the study of the text to the study of the theological guide. In this manner whole sermons are delivered with an array of great earnestness, in which scarcely one thought is properly the preacher's own. In such cases, education ought to retrograde. The preacher would better step back to the study of the Bible. With the Bible in his hand, if he cannot preach, he ought to desist from trying. A whole generation of preachers who could not preach without commentaries and expositors, would be little better than popular infidels. And if the right discernment could be exercised, we need a larger book burning in America than that at Corinth. Acts xix. 19. And if this could free us from the blending of the ceremonial law with the gospel, it is devoutly to be prayed for, as advaning ministers to New Testament scholarship. The minister who has not the devout courage to challenge the highest human authority, and to test it by the strictest exegesis of his own, should never be ordained to the gospel ministry.

While, therefore, we ought to exert ourselves to the utmost in educating young ministers, we should, at the same time, be careful whom we educate. And while we strictly and gently scrutinize the young preacher, proving him before we educate him, we ought to do every thing we can to inform his mind, and render him "apt to teach." 1. Tim. iii. 2. Remember, brethren, that he who knows nothing, can teach nothing. The Bible we have, is a *translated* Bible. Ignorant of the Hebrew and Greek languages, the minister dreads the interpretation of it. To be truly daring in exposition he must know these languages. And while a good biblical scholar, is a blessing to mankind, a mere orator, or a fine declaimer, is a religious evil. *Expositors* are the great need of the times. Our expositions we now have, call for expurgation and retrenchment, frequently, complete destroying.

The age is rapidly transferring the gospel from the heart to the ear. A showy scholar, with little heart, will, with many churches, do for a pastor. When you can find young preachers with a good heart, and New Testament truth, never rest till you make them good scholars.

Respectfully submitted.

M. BENNETT.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The press is a great educator of the American people. Its influence a cannot be estimated. Weekly or daily it visits the family, and its contents are eagerly received in the minds of young and old. It exerts healthful or baneful influence upon mind, as it is moral or immoral in its character. A religious paper exerts a mighty influence for good; for it tells truth to thousands at the same time. Through its influence many have been converted to the truth, and made heirs of glory. It instructs in duty, in doctrine, and educates the christian. We therefore recommend the circulation of a religious denominational paper in every family who will take it. The *Biblical Recorder*, our State organ, has the first claim upon us. Its editor, Rev. J. J. James, promises to make it such a paper as the Baptists of the State demand. Brethren will you support it? Will you give it to thousands that are now destitute of religious reading?

We further recommend as a means of awakening a spirit of liberal and self denying piety, the circulation of the *Commission, and Home and Foreign Journal*, organs of the Foreign and Domestic Mission Board. The former costs one dollar, the latter twenty-five cents per annum. Each is worth the price every month.

We recommend to the Pastors and Deacons of the several churches to use every means in their power to give the above papers to the masses; for these leaves are for the healing of the people.

Respectfully submitted.

A. W. WILCOX, Chairman.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

The committee to nominate persons to write reports on various subjects for the next session, offer the following report:

1. On Sunday Schools—Geo. W. Keesee.
2. On Home Missions—J D Hufham.
3. On Foreign Missions—Henry Petty.
4. On Periodicals—N. Askew.
5. On Education—E. P. Powell.
6. To preach the Introductory Sermon at the next session of this body, Elder M. Bennett, and Elder Hufham, alternate.

Respectfully submitted.

JAS. F. HINES, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We beg leave to submit the following report:

Received from churches,		$65 00
Collection taken at the Association, 1858,		33 17
		$98 17
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By amt. paid bro. Spivey for one month's labor,	$30 00	
" " bro. Askew for fifty days,	32 00	
" " for one pack of envelopes,	85	62 85
Balance in hand subject to order of the Association,		$35 85

We earnestly request that the Association place funds in the hands of an active and intelligent committee to carry on this great work.—We are expecting brother Fife to undertake the field for the next year. He will make an active and good Itinerant. He is the only minister that has agreed to undertake the field.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. L. WOOTEN, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

In hand for Minute fund,	$31 50	
Itinerant or Missionary fund,		$33 17
Amount paid Elder Askew,		32 00
Balance in hand,		1 17
In the hands of brother Murray,		35 85
		$37 02

REPORT ON FINANCE.

The committee on Finance find $34 50 sent up by the fifteen churches.
C. J. NELSON, Chairman.

CONTRIBUTORS TO ITINERANT FUND.

J. W. Dawson paid	$5 00	Mrs. Jno. S. Wooten,	$5 00
W. M. Wingate,	5 00	Mrs. C. Wooten,	5 00
J. D. Hufham,	15 00	E. P. Powell,	10 00
R. L. Wooten,	5 00	H. Petty,	10 00
J. Joyner,	5 00	J. T. Albritton,	2 00
C. Wooten,	5 00	R. M. Abbott,	2 00
A. W. Wilcox,	5 00	Thos. McDaniel,	4 00
Benj. Oliver,	5 00	Mrs. Acubia Herring,	5 00
C. P. Bogart,	5 00	Martha Field,	1 00
Levi Dawson paid	10 00	Rebecca Wooten,	5 00
C. J. Nelson,	5 00	Rachel Davis,	2 00

The following are the pledges to the same, given by the churches:

Bear Creek,	$50 00	Conoconary,	$30 00
Concord,	15 00	Goldsboro,	50 00
Greenville,	75 00	Hancock's,	25 00
Hall,	20 00	Little Creek,	25 00
Snow Hill,	20 00	Tawboro,	25 00
Union,	20 00	Ellis,	10 00

CONTRIBUTORS TO S. B. THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

C. Wooten,	$100 00	Mosely Hall,	N. C.
Jas. J. Porter,	5 00	Enfield,	"
J. S. Brown,	25 00	Greenville,	"
Harriet Bizzell paid	5 00	Mosely Hall,	"
Sallie Bizzell paid	2 50	"	"
Henry Petty paid	10 00	Greenville,	"
W. H. Smith paid	5 00	Coxville,	"
J. Wood paid	5 00	Snow Hill,	"
R. L. Wooten,	25 00	Mosely Hall,	"
Jesse H. Holton,	20 00	Bay River,	"
W. Girganus,	9 00	Mosely Hall,	"
John Wooten,	25 00	"	"
Mrs. Sarah Joyner,	25 00	"	"
G. W. Keesee,	50 00	Goldsboro,	"
Jesse Bennett,	25 00	Jackson Bay River,	"

NAMES OF CLERKS WITH THEIR POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.
Snow Hill,	J. Wood,	Snow Hill, Greene county, N. C.
Ellis,	John Carter,	Sparta, Edgecombe " "
Little Creek,	J. C. C. Jinkins,	Greene " "
Greenville,	R. S. Fife,	Greenville, Pitt " "
Albemarle,	B. F. Sykes,	Columbia, Tyrrell " "
Hancock's,	Eleazer Ellis,	Greenville, Pitt " "
Union,	Calvin Rouse,	Kinston, Lenoir " "
Concord,	J. H. Holton,	Bay River, Craven " "
Bear Creek,	R. L. Wooten,	Mosely Hall, Lenoir " "
Conoconary,	E. P. Powell,	Scotland Neck, Halifax " "
Quankee,	—— Walker,	Halifax, Halifax " "
Sound Side,	Jos. G. Brickhouse,	
Hall,	H. B. S. Pitt,	Edgecombe " "
Goldsboro,	S. H. Denmark,	Goldsboro, Wayne " "
Antioch,	E. Willey,	Enfield, Halifax " "
St. John's,	Daniel Woodly,	Tyrrell " "
Tawboro,	Geo. B. Lipscomb,	Tawboro, Edgecombe " "

☞ Will the Clerks of the churches, in their next letters to the Association, give their Post Offices, that we may know where to send the Minutes?

MINUTES

OF THE

TENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Pamlico Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Conoconary, Halifax Co., N. C.,

October 18---20, 1860.

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Proceedings.

CONOCONARY, Halifax Co., N. C.,
Thursday, Oct. 18th, 1860.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder Mark Bennett from 1st Cor. 14: 33—"For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints."

After a short recess, the delegates were called together by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Keesee.

Letters called for and read.

Brethren J. L. Battle and J. T. Lawrence were appointed a committee of Finance, who reported thirty-four dollars sent up by the churches.

Petitionary and corresponding letters called for: none presented.

On motion, adjourned till to-morrow 10 o'clock. Prayer by Elder White.

[On account of the inclemency of the weather, the Association did not meet on Friday.]

SATURDAY, Oct. 20th.

Association met and opened with prayer by Elder Owen.

Letters again called for and read.

Brethren C. Wooten and E. P. Powell were re-elected, the former as Moderator, and the latter as Clerk of the Association.

On motion, visiting brethren were invited to seats, and the invitation responded to by brethren G. W. Powell of the Tar River Association.

Brethren Lawrence Spier and James Pope were appointed to arrange the religious exercises during the session.

Brethren Petty, Carter and R. L. Wooten were chosen a committee to report on Nominations.

To report on letters—Elders Petty, Keesee, Owen.

In the absence of brethren Askew and Hufham, who were to report on Periodicals and Home Missions, brethren Bennett and Cobb were appointed in their places. The following resolutions were then adopted by the Association:

By Elder Cobb—*Resolved*, That the following churches, viz: Alligator Lake, Friendship, Frazier's S. House, Grindel Creek, Gum Neck. Mount Zion, Sound Side and South Shore be forthwith dismissed from this Association; and that a committee be appointed to address a letter to the churches at Albemarle, White Chapel and St. John's, informing them that if they do not send delegates to our next Association, they too will be dismissed.

Elders Cobb, Bennett and Camp compose said committee.

By Elder Keesee—*Resolved*, That the Executive Committee be instructed to confine their missionary labors for the following year within the counties of Halifax, Martin, Edgecombe, Pitt, Green, Lenoir, Wayne and Craven.

On motion, the delegates present were called on to state what amount each would contribute to the missionary fund within our bounds for the next year.

Resolution by Elder Petty—*Resolved*, That the churches be requested to send the amounts they are willing to contribute for the next year to the itinerant fund.

By the same—*Resolved*, That the churches of this Association be requested to co-operate with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention in the work of Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Education and Colportage.

Resolved, That the next session of this body meet with the church at Bear Creek, Lenoir county, N. C., to commence on Thursday before the 3rd Sabbath in September, 1861.

The following reports were then read and adopted: on Periodicals, Sabbath Schools, Foreign Missions, Education, Executive Committee, (which reports may be found in Appendix.)

By Elder Keesee—*Resolved*, That the Executive Committee has, during the Associational year just closed, so conducted the domestic missionary work of our Association as to claim our confidence and merit our praise.

Brethren S. Wood, R. L. Wooten, John W. Dawson, C. J. Nelson, W. H. Smith, J. L. Battle and E. P. Powell were appointed the Executive Board of the Association for the next year.

Reports on Letters and Nominations read and adopted.

Brethren Owen, Bennett, Keesee, C. Wooten, R. L. Wooten, J. Dawson, J. Wood and E. P. Powell were chosen as delegates to the N. C. B. S. Convention.

Delegates to Union Association—N. B. Cobb, T. M. Rogers, G. W. Keesee, R. L. Wooten.

To Chowan—T. R. Owen, J. T. Lawrence, E. P. Powell.

To Tar River—J. K White, M. Bennett, Jacob Pope.

Report on Home Missions read and adopted.

Resolved, That the cordial and unanimous thanks of this Association be respectfully tendered to the kind people of this vicinity for their sumptuous entertainment of our body during its present session.

Resolved, That each Pastor in the bounds of this Association be requested to preach a sermon or sermons on the proper mode of supporting our institutions and the church, some time during the next year.

Resolved, That our Clerk, in preparing the Minutes of the Association, be instructed to append to his tables the names of the Pastors and Clerks of the different churches, with their post offices, the times of holding meetings at each church, and the counties in which the churches are located. That he have 600 copies of the Minutes printed and distributed to the different churches, and that he be allowed ten dollars for his services.

After the reading of the Minutes by the Clerk, the Association adjourned with prayer by Elder Bennett.

C. WOOTEN, Moderator.

E. P. Powell, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES' NAMES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Expelled.	Deceased.	Whites.	Colored.	Total in Fellowship.	S. S. Scholars.	S. S. Teachers.	Contributions.
Albemarle,	G. West*, Richard Davenport*, S. M. Alexander*,									139	50	10	$4 00
Bear Creek,	C. Wooten, Shade Wooten*, R. L. Wooten,							33	8	41			4 00
Cedar Branch,	T. W. Sexton*,	2				5	1	16	10	26			1 00
Conoconary,	T. R. Owen, J. T. Lawrence, E. P. Powell,	1	6		30	4	3	67	87	154			3 00
Concord,	Jesse Bennett*, L. D. Broughton*, Isaac Dacoty*,	1			2	1	1			28			2 00
Ellis',	John Carter, J. K. White,									17			1 00
Goldsboro,	C. J. Nelson*, Wm. Robinson*, G. W. Keesee,	28	8		5	4	1	90	21	111	60	16	2 00
Greenville,	G. W. Camp, N. B. Cobb, H. Petty,	2	3		1	5	1	66	28	94	84	22	4 00
Hancocks,	Bryant Cox*, J. C. Cox*, W. H. Smith*,	4					2	56	18	74			2 00
Hall,	No letter or delegate,												
Little Creek,	" "												
Parker's Chapel,	R. M. Spier*,							16	1	17			2 00
Snow Hill,	Jonathan Wood*,	2	2							13			3 00
St. Johns,	Daniel Woodley*, Charles Spruell*,							30	7	37			1 00
Tawboro,	J. L. Battle, —— Williamson*, G. B. Lipscombe*,	1						10	1	11	30	7	2 00
Union,	Wm. Sutton*, John Taylor*, W. A. Croom,	5		3	2			22	24	46			2 00
White Chapel or Mount Pleasant,	James Norman*, Jesse Norman*, J. J. Linsey*,										50	10	2 00
		46	19	3	40	19	9	406	205	808	274	65	$35 00

* Absentees.

LIST OF CHURCHES AND THEIR LOCALITIES, PASTORS AND CLERKS, AND THEIR POST OFFICES, AND TIMES OF MEETING.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS & P. OFEICES.	CLERKS & P. OFFICES.	TIMES OF MEETING.
Albemarle,	Tyrrell County, N. C.	....	B. T. Sikes, Columbia,	
Bear Creek,	Lenoir " "	Levi Thorne,	R. L. Wooten, Mosely Hall,	2nd & 4th Sabbath in each month
Cedar Branch,	Martin " "	G. W. Camp,	T. W. Sexton, Jamesville,	Once in two months.
Conoconary,	Halifax " "	T. R. Owen, Tawboro,	E. P. Powell, Scotl'd Neck,	3d Sab. and Sat. before in each m.
Concord,	Craven " "	Jesse Bennett,	J. H. Holton, Bay River,	
Ellis',	Edgecombe " "	J. K. White, Wilson,	John Carter, Sparta,	3d Sabbath in each month.
Goldsboro,	Wayne " "	G. W. Keesee, Goldsboro,	S. H. Denmark, Goldsboro,	Every Sabbath.
Greenville,	Pitt " "	H. Petty, Greenville,	G. W. Camp, Greenville,	Every Sabbath.
Hancocks,	Pitt " "	J. K. White,	W. H. Smith,	
Hall,	Edgecombe " "			
Little Creek,	Green " "	J. K. White,	J. C. C. Jenkins, Ridge S'g,	
Parker's Chapel,	Pitt " "	G. W. Camp, Greenville,	R. M. Spior,	
Snow Hill,	Green " "	H. Spivey,	Jonathan Wood, Snow Hill,	
St. John's.	Washington " "	....	D. Woodley, Scuppernong,	
Tawboro,	Edgecombe " "	T. R. Owen,	G. B. Lipscomb, Tawboro,	Three Sabbaths in each month.
White Chapel,	Washington " "	....	Wm. J. Row, Scuppernong,	
		M. Bennett, Sycamore Alley,		
		N. B. Cobb, Dudley,		

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

R. L. WOOTEN, Treasurer,

To the Executive Committee of Pamlico Association, Dr.

1859.	October.	To this from Hall church by Bennett,	$10 00
	“	John Dawson,	5 00
	“	Levi Dawson,	10 00
1859.	Jan'y 26.	John Joyner,	5 00
		C. Wooten,	11 00
		John C. Washington,	5 00
		Collection at the Association by Treasurer,	8 11
		Bear Creek church on pledge by R. L. Wooten,	10 60
		A. W. Wilcox,	5 00
		Goldsboro church by G. W. Keesee,	12 50
		J. T. Albritton,	2 00
		Snow Hill on pledge by John Wood,	5 00
		Hancocks on pledge by W. H. Smith,	7 00
		H Petty,	5 00
		Conoconary on their pledge by E. P. Powell,	7 00
		Balance from E. Murray in his hands up to date,	34 15
		From Greenville on their pledge by E. Murray,	19 00
		This amount from N. Askew,	24 00
		From Greenville church collection on Sunday,	10 50
		Mrs. Rebecca Wooten,	10 00
	April 28.	Snow Hill by John Wood,	5 00
	“	C. P. Bogert,	5 00
	“	Goldsboro by G. W. Keesee,	12 50
	“	Concord church by Jesse Holton,	7 50
	“	Hall church,	10 00
	“	Episcopal lady,	5 00
	July.	To this from Little Creek,	25 00
		“ “ Greenville,	30 00
		“ “ Snow Hill,	5 00
		“ by N. B. Cobb,	6 00
		To collection at Little Creek on Sabbath;	4 95
	October.	To this from Greenville,	16 00
		“ H. Petty,	5 00
		“ Goldsboro,	12 50
		“ Ellis	10 00
		“ Tawboro,	25 00
		“ Conoconary,	5 00
		“ Bear Creek by C. Wooten,	10 00
		“ for J. D. Hufham,	15 00
			$420 31

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1860.	January 26.	By this for stationery,	50	
		Paid bro. Askew for 3 months and 15 day's labor as an itinerant in Association,	105 00	
	April 28.	Paid bro. M. Bennett for 52 day's labor as an itinerant at one dollar per day,	52 00	
		Paid N. B. Cobb for services as an itinerant at Wilson and other places,	25 00	
	July.	Paid bro. Camp for services at Parker Chapel and other places,	40 00	
		Paid N. B. Cobb for 3 mos. labor as an Itin't,	100 00	
		“ for tracts,	2 00	
	October.	“ N. B. Cobb for services as an Itinerant,	66 50	391 00
		Balance in my hands up to date,		$29 31

Appendix.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

We have no better way of telling whether we are advancing than by instituting a comparison between our present condition and our past history, but as your committee has had no personal knowledge of the operations of this body previous to this year, (having not yet been a Baptist twelve months,) and has been but recently appointed to make this report, for a history of your past operations he has had to rely upon such copies of the old minutes as have fallen into his hands since coming here; and these he regrets to find contain but little information on this vital subject of the Association after the first two meetings of this body for since then the reports on Home Missions have been little else than vague resolutions, devoid of valuable facts, and laden with stereotype ideas on the importance of spreading the gospel among our nearest neighbors (a matter which you have always admitted and for which your very organization was effected).

When the Pamlico Association was formed at Parker's Chapel in November, 1851, it comprised "nineteen churches and four or five ministers.* From the Letter of Correspondence for the next year, we learn it was organized to supply "the destitution that prevailed over that portion of our State lying between the Neuse and Roanoke rivers down to the sea coast," the Wilmington & Weldon R. R. being the western boundary. Now the Pamlico Association numbers sixteen churches and eight ordained ministers. The minutes of last year contain the names of twenty-eight churches, but two names are given to one church; two churches have been dismissed to join other Associations; two (Frazier's School House and Friendship) have gone entirely down; and eight have just been dismissed for *habitually neglecting to co-operate with you in your Associational work.* Indeed the statistical tables disclose the fact that, for the last six years *not half* the churches whose names are in your list, have been represented in your Association by a single delegate, so that the work of the Association has only been carried on by about a dozen churches.

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*See Letter of Correspondence in Minutes of 1852.

During the first year of the history of this Association, the Executive Committee was very active. They "secured the services of Rev. G. W. Johnston for the churches at Greenville and Washington," and engaged at different times Rev. J. D. Elwell and Rev. J. J. Lansdell to act as itinerants and agents. They collected $377 05 by contributions and on pledges, and incurred a debt for the itinerancy which they did not liquidate till the next year. They kept an accurate report of all their proceedings, which was published in the minutes of the Association, and from this we learn that their itinerants baptized 328 persons and constituted a new church.

During the last year your Executive Committee have been very energetic. They have had engaged as itinerants Elders Mark Bennet, Nathan Askew and Needham B. Cobb—one all the time, and two part of the time.

These missionaries have visited nearly all the churches in your bounds, but particularly those that have been so long unrepresented in your body; they have preached where there were no churches, and where a sermon from a Regular Baptist was never before heard; and they have visited many families and sown religious and denominational tracts all about over the field. Your committee have expended in the work nearly $500, and received pledges for enough to continue an itinerant in the field without incurring a debt, and this too without employing an agent for the purpose. When we consider that the *real* church membership of this Association is only about 900 in all white and black, the contributions of the past year have not been so meager as would seem on first sight, but even now the churches are not contributing for Home Missions at the rate of ten cents a month for each *white member*, and it is a lamentable fact, that while we are distinguished from others as *Missionary* Baptists, *individuals* and not *churches* as such have been the authors of these contributions.

Your committee feel that something should be done to arouse the *churches* to greater activity in this matter. We would earnestly recommend to pastors to see that *each individual* in their congregations have an opportunity of contributing to this cause, and that some system be adopted both as to the time and the quantity of each contribution. We would also request the male members of those churches that are without pastors to bring this matter before their brethren and sisters, and encourage all to give something. Surely none who have had the bread of life broken for their own sustenance could be so selfish as to refuse to send it to others when in their power.

That the Executive Committee may be unembarassed in their employment of missionaries and colporters, we earnestly request of the pastor of each church, and where a church has no pastor, of one of the deacons to ascertain as soon as possible what amount his church will pledge to be paid in quarterly installments for Colportage and Itinerancy within the bounds of this Association, and to send a statement of the same to the Executive Committee at an early day. While we would recommend to the committee to spend their funds and forces in the western part of the Association for the present, still we would not have any one to cherish the idea that the territory on the Sound is not our own as much as ever, and we would not encourage the thought that we are not as much bound as ever to supply their destitution. As christians we should pray more earnestly for them and labor more zealously to have the word preached in purity among them. We recommended that they be dismissed from your body because they were not engaging in your Associational work, and there seemed to be little hope that they would do so; but at the same time we thought our responsibility on their account was in no wise diminished; for as christians we should be ever ready to relieve the destitute no matter where we find them. "*Our* field is the world." All men are our neighbors, and if we are called to help one place more than another it is because we are better acquainted with the destitution of that place, and better able to relieve it.

Fraternally submitted,

NEEDHAM B. COBB.

REPORT ON LETTERS.

Your committee beg leave to report that while the number and contents of the letters received are satisfactory and encouraging, there is nothing in them worthy of your special attention except a petition from the church at Union, Lenoir county, to be dismissed from the Pamlico that they may join the Union Association, and we recommend that the petition be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

H. PETTY, Chm'n.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your committee has received information from the letters and other sources, that there are six Sunday Schools among our churches, viz: at Greenville, Tawboro, Bear Creek, Snow Hill, Albemarle and Goldsboro. Thus it appears that a majority of our churches are neglecting this important department of christian effort. It were impossible, as also it would be improper, to present in a report the many considerations in favor of Sunday Schools. We are of the opinion, that till the churches become well instructed and active in this work, the pastors should present such considerations in an annual sermon. Will not every pastor do this during the next Associational year? We hope no one will fail. Besides, we hope that every one who ministers to a church in which there is no Sunday School, will put forth *direct, personal, earnest and prayerful* efforts for the establishment and proper conduct of one.

In addition, we make two suggestions.

1. If any pastor should fail to do this, or if any church is destitute of a pastor, we earnestly recommend some member of the church should undertake the work,—secure the assistance of such as are willing to aid—collect the children of the neighborhood on every Sunday morning, and instruct them, as well as can be done, in the word of God.

2. If neither pastors or deacons, nor any other male members will move in this work, we recommend that the *female* members undertake it. Instances might be mentioned in which great good has been done by the efforts of female christians in this department.

Dear brethren and sisters, may we not expect that you will make honest efforts in accordance with these suggestions.—

You may not establish and carry on large and prosperous schools, but you may discharge your *duty* in this particular, and also do a *little good*, both of which will be a gratification to you on your death-bed.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. WM. KEESEE.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Creator has endowed man with a mind susceptible of the highest degree of cultivation and improvement, and education is the means by which this improvement is commenced and carried on to his latest period of existence. Its earliest influence in forming the character is omnipotent, and when properly directed and exercised, always tends to morality and virtue. In others words, education is designed to instill into the mind correct principles, as truth, honesty, fidelity, &c. On it rests the political prosperity of a nation, and though it is not indispensable to the obtaining the pearl of great price, yet is it necessary to the propagation and extension of the religion of Christ. It is then clearly the duty of all who possess the advantages and benefits it bestows, to aid in its advancement. The man of the world is morally bound to bestow his time, talent, and means in its behalf; and the christian is under both moral and religious obligations to do the same. From whence originated the idea of civil liberty? Could it ever have been conceived in minds unlettered—uneducated? To what are we as a nation indebted for our rapid growth in attaining to our present political position? Our glorious constitution is the legitimate result, not of naturally strong minds alone, but of minds aided by education. The same may also be said of our existing laws, and their execution and enforcement. An ignorant people may be duped, deceived, enslaved; but an intelligent one will be free. If we would retrograde—again become slaves—we have but to cease to foster a spirit of education. No intelligent christian can fail to see that it tends to the suppression of vice; and, except religion, nothing should so interest him as this. Where do we find the Sabbath breaker, swearer, and every species of wickedness? Are they not found chiefly among the ignorant—the uneducated ?. Again, the christianity of the Bible makes it obligatory on all its professors to combat error and vice of every form and grade—to engage in every good word and work—and this they cannot effectually do until, by the aid of education, they have enlightened, to some extent, the minds of those whom they would bless. As before intimated, it is not necessary that any should be educated (in the sense in which the term is generally used) before they can become religious ; for many of the best and most pious christians, are those who have not been educated. While the uneducation christian, who is enabled by grace to live a consistent life, is accountable only for his example, the one of educated and possessing the same grace, is bound to exert an influence for good both by example and precept—each one in proportion to his or her talent is held accountable.

Submitted,

E. P. POWELL.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The necessity of religious periodicals is no question for debate. The time for doubting their utility also is past.

Nor need we pass resolutions in favor to patronizing them. All action in our assemblies can exert but little good effect.

The friends of good religious papers must *pay* for them in *advance*, and try to secure *paying* subscribers.

The influence of the religious periodical cannot be prevented. This, too, whether good or bad, is always strong. If feebly supported, it can do but little good. It will be then a complaining paper, and little relished.

And *truthfulness* itself will not insure utility. The paper may always be giving a true, but bad account of the churches. These must in life and lip furnish something good to be reported. The spreading abroad of bad things must have some bad influence, like that of publishing scandal. A healthy atmosphere is essential to good breath in the newspaper. If the churches will do right, then they may read pleasing columns in their journals. Let all the patrons of them be good and active, doing their duty, and their newspaper will reflect goodly things and comfortable things.

The " Biblical Recorder" is our paper, and we must endeavor to place it in all our families. The "Tennessee Baptist" and "Religious Herald" are good papers; so "The Landmark Banner" and "Baptist Correspondent," all four come next to the "Recorder."

When we shall have left this session, we will individually resolve to patronize the "Recorder" and get subscribers; and then our resolutions will amount to some profit.

Submitted,

M. BENNETT.

MINUTES

OF THE

ELEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

PAMLICO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

BEAR CREEK, LENOIR CO., N. C.,

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Proceedings.

Bear Creek, Lenoir Co., N. C.,
Friday, Sept. 13th, 1861.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder H. Petty from Romans 12: 1. The Association was then called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Owen.

Letters called for and read.

Brethren J. Joyner and R. L. Wooten were appointed a committee of Finance, who reported $20 sent up by the churches.

Brother C. Wooten was again elected Moderator, and E. P. Powell, Clerk of the Association.

Petitionary and corresponding letters called for; none presented.

Brethren Owen and Petty were selected to prepare business for the Association.

On motion, visiting brethren were invited to take seats with us, when Elder Levi Thorn of the Union Association reported himself.

The members of Bear Creek church were appointed to arrange religious exercises for the session.

The committee appointed at the last session of this body to address letters to the churches at Albemarle, White Chapel and St. Johns having failed to do so, was continued, Elder Petty being substituted in place of Elder Cobb.

Committee to prepare business for the Association reported. 1st. Appointment of committees. 2nd. Hearing reports. 3d. Promiscuous business.

The Moderator then announced the following committees:

On Letters—Brethren Bennett, Pope, and Joyner.

On Nominations—Brethren Camp, Battle and Bernard.

To draft resolutions on the death of Elder Keesee—Brethren Owen, Petty, Spivey, Bennett.

Elder Thorn was appointed to report on Education in place of Elder Albritton absent.

The report on Foreign Missions was read, and, after discussion and amendment, adopted.

On motion, adjourned till to-morrow 10 o'clock A. M.—Prayer by Elder Spivey.

SATURDAY, Sept. 14th.

The Association met. Prayer by Bro. Petty.

Proceedings of yesterday read and roll called.

Letters not received yesterday called for. Brethren Nelson and Rogers from the Goldsboro church being present, it was resolved, in the absence of a letter from said church, to recognize them as delegates.

Report on Home Missions read, discussed and adopted.

On motion, adjourned to hear the Denominational sermon by Elder Owen.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Letters not received called for.

On motion, Elder Thorn was excused from reporting on Education.

Report on Periodicals read, amended and adopted.

A petition from brother Mills, through Elder Thorn, requesting to have a notice of his school at Oxford appended to these minutes, was, on motion, granted.

Report on Nominations read and adopted.

On motion, the report on Periodicals was reconsidered, again amended and adopted.

Reports on Sabbath Schools and Letters read and adopted.

On motion of Bro. R. L. Wooten, it was resolved that the funds sent up by the churches be placed in the hands of the Clerk for defraying expenses in publishing minutes.

Report of committee on death of Elder Keesee read and adopted.

Resolved, That the next session of this body be held with the church at Albemarle, Tyrrel county, to commence on Thursday before the third Sabbath in September, 1862.

On motion of Elder Bennett, it was resolved that the representation from White Chapel, and letters from St. Johns and Albemarle are satisfactory to this body, and that the committee appointed to write to them are discharged.

On motion of R. L. Wooten it was resolved that the collection to be taken up on the Sabbath be placed in the hands of the Treasurer of the Executive committee for their use.

By Elder Bennett,

Resolved, That the thanks of this meeting are due and are hereby heartily offered to the kind inhabitants of this vicinity for their great hospitality during our session.

By Elder Petty,

Resolved, That any minister preaching statedly for any church connected with this Association may be considered ex-officio a member thereof.

Brethren Owen, C. J. Nelson and J. Wood were appointed delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

Brethren M. Bennett and E. P. Powell were appointed corresponding delegates to the Tar River Association; to the Chowan—Brethren Owen, Thorn and Petty; and to the Union—Brethren Nelson, Rogers, and C. Wooten.

On motion of Elder Petty, it was resolved to amend article 12th of the Constitution of this Association, and also articles 1st and 2nd of the Rules of Order; and that both the Constitution and Rules of Order be published in full in the minutes.

On motion, the Executive committee, appointed at the last session was re-appointed.

The Association then adjourned to meet again at the time and place above-mentioned. Prayer by Elder Bennett.

C. WOOTEN, Moderator.

E. P. Powell, Clerk.

Appendix.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee would greatly rejoice if any thing of a cheering character could be said as to Home Missions in this Association. The statistics of the year's labors, and the results will be given by the Secretary of the Board of the Association.

The field is great and "white unto the harvest," but "the laborers are few." Instead of extending on the right hand and on the left, we do not maintain our former standing ground.

By the circumstances in which our beloved country is involved, the demand upon the churches is greatly increased. The camp must be supplied. Spiritual teachers and the word of God must accompany our devoted soldiery. This demand is in addition to the usual demand made by localities immediately within our associational boundaries. Also, a demand is made upon us that some systematic plan be inaugurated for the better religious instruction of the thousands of servants, who now are greatly or wholly neglected. To the praise of many Episcopalian families within our geographical limits, it should be stated that Sabbath Schools, for their servants, are attended to with the greatest punctuality.

From the foregoing it is plain that a day is upon us requiring unwonted activity, and liberality, and devotion. This is the day in which the saints should begin to decorate their earthly possessions with the prophetic inscription, "Holiness unto the Lord." Now is the time for saints to be fully aware of the duties, the privileges, and the graces of the Lord's people. Primitive faith, primitive liberality, primitive labors ought to be expected of us, were it not that scripture clearly states, that in the old age of the world, the virgins, both wise and foolish, will be asleep. "But let us not sleep as do others," let us give ear to the herald announcing the near approach of the bride-groom. In our efforts, we should be remiss no longer, neither should we wait longer for more favorable opportunities. As to our servants, and hundreds destitute of the word, it may be proper to adopt the reply of

Mr. Randolph to a lady who was expressing the most lively interest in the Greeks. Pointing to a number of servants, he said, "Madam, the Greeks are at your doors."

Archimedes once said, "Give me where to stand, and I will lift the earth."

It is for christians to stand where they *are* and lift the earth, being instruments in the hands of Jehovah. A signal opportunity is now presented for proclaiming Christ. The public mind, through national troubles, has been turned towards God, and our people are peculiarly prepared to receive the message of life and peace beyond the grave. The writer of this report would urge it upon the churches, fortunate enough to have Pastors, to make their Pastors common property, thus to speak. Let them go to our destitute churches, and localities now unvisited, turn by turn. Let those who are able provide them means of travel, and a good supply of books; let them go forth as the angels of the churches, and the ministers of the cross, upheld by the prayers and sympathies of the churches, returning at stated intervals.

Our Heavenly Father seemed to say, in His Providence, that we had too many ministers in this Association. A dear and beloved brother has been taken home. May it not be the duty of the churches to give up partially their Pastors, and is it not the duty of Pastors to leave their homes and go forth preaching the word? In this manner our geographical boundaries *can* be supplied with the preached word; and if as the Lord's people, we observe our Lord's rule laid down for our contributions, that of setting apart "on the first day of the week" some of our earthly substance, and do it "as the Lord has prospered us," with a conscientious scrupulosity—with the blessing of the Lord our God, this, our Pamlico wilderness shall soon be "as the garden of the Lord."

Respectfully submitted.

LEVI THORN.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

It is difficult to say here whether the Foreign Mission is advancing or going back.

Within the last two or three years, new appointments have been made to Africa, China, Brazil, and Japan. Two missionaries have gone to Japan, and two to Brazil. But opposition of the State authorities compelled brother Bowen and his wife to abandon the Brazil mission; and they are now in this country.

Bro. A. B. Cabaniss, from Shanghai, returned to his native country last year to restore his health. He is now in Virginia, his native State. His address is Mt. Laurel, Halifax county, Va.

In twelve month's time, brethren Yates, Crawford, Bowen, and their wives, twelve brothers and eight sisters, twenty in all, embarked for Foreign lands. Yates, from a visit to this country, has not long since arrived at his station in Shanghai.

Thirteen months ago, brethren L. A. Rohrer and A. L. Bond, and their wives sailed in the Edwin Forest from New York, bound for Shanghai, by way of Hong Kong. No tidings of the vessel have reached us; and it is painfully feared they are lost at sea.

It is not easy to say how much the wars in China have checked our progress. They will increase the demand for their support.

Brother C. W. Gaillard at Canton, and brother J. C. Holmes at Chefon, in China, and others, need continued aid.

One immediate effect of the present American war will be uncommon pecuniary pressure. And to blame the churches for any abatement in contributions, would be unreasonabe. But if the Mission enterprise is *the enterprise of the whole gospel by the whole church of Christ*, then the successes of the war and of missions are blended into one; or rather faithfulness in Missions will encourage the hope of our success in this war.

The "Commission", our monthly journal published in Richmond, Va., is suspended; and the Home and Foreign Journal will follow it if the Bible Board, and Domestic Mission Board, concur with a proposal of the Foreign Mission Board. The failing of this organ, which was designed to advance all our benevolent enterprises, can but be an omen of distress to all our missionaries.

During the years 1859 and 1860, North Carolina contributed only $4316 68, or $2158 34 a year for the Foreign Mission. If while the demand for support increases, the pecuniary aid is diminished, our missions must suffer or fail.

We fear that, dividing the great commission of the Head of the church into Foreign and Domestic, or Home Missions, has tended rather to retard than to advance the progress of the Gospel. True the first mission was a domestic mission. Judea, the home of the apostles, was the field of their labor.

Other nations were then precluded. But when the commission was, after Christ's resurrection, extended to "*all the world*," Judea was embraced. And the question remains to be settled, whether any kind of partition has not served more to bewilder and to excuse christians in the neglect of the duty and the pleasure of promoting the spread of "the glorious gospel of the blessed God." And what might not be the effect if every christian felt as the Savior's words express, that is, the commission of Jesus calls me to labor on all the ground from my own door to the dwelling place of the remotest human being on earth.

It is also considered not irrelevant to enquire whether the spread of the gospel into all nations is not humanly speaking, impossible, so long as *special operating in the churches is so much neglected?* so long as this kind of operation is postponed till our annual meetings?

Finally, we should endeavor to let no temporal interest interfere with our spiritual duty and christian comforts; to view no impediments as of such magnitude as to turn us aside from any kind or any degree of religious duty.

In view of the foregoing, therefore,

Resolved, 1. That the commission of the Lord Jesus Christ, strictly speaking, embraces but one mission, undivided and universal.

Resolved, 2. That the healthy state of both churches and individuals, is in proportion to the zeal which they cherish and practice in laboring to carry out this commission.

Respectfully submitted.
M. BENNETT, Chairman.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

This precept of the wise man, it is to be feared, is too much neglected. How few comparatively even of christians—those who profess to be the followers of Christ, and to walk in His ordinances do regularly and habitually import to their children such instruction as they need, and must have before they can understand and comprehend the holy principles and glorious doctrines of the Bible. For this the Sabbath School is designed, and for this it was first instituted. No time is more suitable than the Sabbath, or place so auspicious as the Sabbath School for giving to the young religious knowledge. It is here that the youthful heart, now tender and most susceptible of lasting impressions, may be directed in the way of true wisdom, and led in paths of morality and virtue. If he be not early taught lessons of virtue, he will most assuredly be learning those of vice.

Then in view of the great good resulting from the Sabbath School; let us resolve and not only resolve, but act, do what we can to advance so great and good a cause within our bounds.

Respectfully submitted.

E. P. POWELL.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee on Periodicals ask leave to report:

That the religious newspaper is intimately connected with all of our religious enterprises. In the language of our esteemed Bro. Bennett, it does much towards giving our past a record, our present a visible recognition, and our future the dint of plan and purpose. It is the focus of general action, and without it churches and individuals would remain strangers to each other. It is therefore necessary that all the members of the churches should make some sacrifice to sustain our religious journals. We regret that the state of the country has caused the suspension of some of our best papers. We therefore recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we will make every effort in our power to sustain the Biblical Recorder, published by brother J. D. Hufham at Raleigh.

Resolved, That we recommend to the present subscribers of the Recorder to take each one additional copy for one year.

Respectfully submitted.

R. L. WOOTEN.

REPORT ON THE DEATH OF ELDER KEESEE.

Your committee to whom was referred the drafting of resolutions concerning the death of Elder G. W. Keesee, report:

Resolved, That in the death of Elder G. W. Keesee, of Goldsboro, N. C., society, the church and the ministry, have all lost one of their best members.

Resolved, That we regarded him as having been possessed of excellent learning, solid piety, a marked soundness, and an amiable temper, which fitted him for large usefulness.

Resolved, That his inquisitive and docile disposition was manifested in gathering useful knowledge; and that he had a rare talent for turning to useful account all the knowledge he possessed.

Resolved, That while we submit to the hand of God with chastened hearts, we cannot but mourn our loss, and pray God to heal the breach.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon our minutes, and a copy be forwarded to the Biblical Recorder and Religious Herald, with request to publish the same, and that a copy be also forwarded to the family of Elder Keesee.

Submitted.

M. BENNETT, Chairman.

REPORT ON LETTERS.

Your committee on Letters beg leave to report:

They find nothing in the few letters received at this session, which demands publication. They approve the brevity of them; but would be pleased to see them express the progress or retrogression of the churches, and more explicitly define the orthodoxy, the comfortable state, and the general influence, as well as the degree of energy, heart and earnestness, which pertain to them.

The extent of territory, remoteness of the churches from each other, and paucity of the ministry, present formidable obstacles; and deep christian fortitude, and an energy strong and persevering, are requisite to the very existence of the body. And under all the circumstances, there is reason to rejoice that our candlesticks are not removed out of their places.

The degree of animation and acquisition of members are small; yet we hope a firm purpose and some growth in grace is deducible from the letters.

The number of letters amounts to a very small fraction of our body, which fact is ascribable to exciting invasion of the very soil on which our churches rest. To the same fact we refer, for the notice which appeared in the Biblical Recorder, which failed to appear in time.

We advert with peculiar satisfaction, to the activity and liberality of, at least some of our churches.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. BENNETT, Chairman.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Your committee to report on Nominations offers the following:

To preach the Introductory Sermon—Elder Owen; Alternate, Elder L. Thorn.

Denominational Sermon—Elder T. J. Albritton.

Missionary Sermon—Elder H. Petty.

The following brethren to prepare reports to be read:

On Foreign Missions—E. P. Powell.

On Home Missions—R. L. Wooten.

On Education—M. Bennett.

On Periodicals—H. Spivey.

On Sabbath Schools—C. J. Nelson.

On Temperance—John Joyner.

Respectfully submitted.

G. W. CAMP, Chairman.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES' NAMES.	Baptized.	Received by letter.	Dism'd by letter.	Expelled.	Deceased.	Whites.	Colored.	Total in fellowship.	S. S. Scholars.	S. S. Teachers.	Contributions.
Albemarle,	S. M. Alexander†, Richard Davenport†, Gatlin Lamb†,	3							139			$ 2 00
Bear Creek,	C. Wooten, R. L. Wooten, James M. Hines,					2	31	8	39			4 00
Cedar Branch,	No letter or delegate,						16	10	26			
Conoconary,	J. R. Pope, B. Spier†, E. P. Powell,	7	5		2	2	68	97	165			3 00
Concord,	No letter or delegate,								28			
Ellis,	No letter or delegcte,								17			
Goldsboro',	C. J. Nelson, Thomas M. Rogers,						90	21	111			
Greenville,	H. Petty, G. W. Camp, J. P. Bernard,			3	1	1	61	28	89	46	16	3 00
Hancocks,	No letter or delegate,						56	18	74			
Hall,	No letter or delegtae,											
Little Creek,	No letter or delegate,											
Parker's Chapel,	Letter but no delegate,						16	1	17			1 00
Snow Hill,	H. S. Spivey, J. Wood,† J. Joyner,	5	2			2	12	3	15			1 00
St. John's,	Letter but no delegate,	2					35	7	42	18	6	1 00
Tawboro,	T. R. Owen, J. L. Battle, J. A. Williamson,†		1				11	1	12	25	6	2 00
Union,	No letter or delegate,						22	24	46			
White Chapel, or Mount Pleasant,	J. T. Albritton, W. A. Norman,† J. J. Lindsay,†	15	1	1			82		82	50	10	2 00
	†Absentees.	32	9	4	3	5	500	218	902	139	38	$ 19 00

LIST OF CHURCHES AND THEIR LOCALITIES, PASTORS AND CLERKS, AND THEIR POST OFFICES, AND TIMES OF MEETING.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS AND P. OFFICES.	CLERKS AND P. OFFICES.	TIMES OF MEETING.
Albemarle,.......	Tyrrell County, N. C.	J. T. Albritton,..............	B. T. Sikes, Columbia,.......	
Bear Creek,......	Lenoir " "	Levi Thorne,.................	R. L. Wooten, Mosely Hall,..	2d & 4th Sab. in each month.
Cedar Branch,....	Martin " "	G. W. Camp,.................	T. W. Sexton, Jamesville,....	Once in two months.
Conoconary,......	Halifax " "	T. R. Owen, Tarboro,.........	E. P. Powell, Scotland Neck,	3d Sab. & Sat. before in each m.
Concord,.........	Craven " "	Jesse Bennett,................	J. H, Holton, Bay River,.....	
Ellis'......... ...	Edgecombe " "	J. K. White, Wilson,.........	John Carter, Sparta,..........	3d Sabbath in each month.
Goldsboro,.......	Wayne " "	....	S. H. Denmark, Goldsboro,...	Every Sabbath.
Greenville,.......	Pitt " "	H. Petty, Greenville,..........	G. W. Camp, Greenville......	Every Sabbath.
Hancocks,........	Pitt " "	J. K. White,.................	W. H. Smith,	
Hall,.............	Edgecombe " "			
Little Creek,......	Green " "	J. K. White,.................	J. C. C. Jenkins, Ridge Spring,	
Parker's Chapel,..	Pitt " "	G. W. Camp, Greenville,.....	R. M. Spier,	
Snow Hill,.......	Green " "	H. Spivey,...................	Jonathan Wood, Snow Hill,..	One Sabbath in each month.
St. John's,.......	Washington " "	....	D. Woodley, Scuppernong,...	
Tarboro,.........	Edgecombe " "	T. R. Owen,.................	G. B. Lipscomb, Tarboro,....	Three Sabbaths in each month.
White Chapel,....	Washington " "	....	Wm. J. Row, Scuppernong,..	
		M. Bennett, Sycamore Alley,.		

CONSTITUTION OF THE PAMLICO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. This body shall be known as the Pamlico Baptist Association of North Carolina.

2. This body shall be composed of delegates chosen annually by the churches, each church being entitled to three delegates, who shall bear a letter stating the present condition and progress during the past year: the names of their Pastors, Clerks and delegates; the number added by baptism and letter, both white and colored; the number excluded and deceased, also the number dismissed by letter; the number of Sabbath Schools and Bible classes; the amount contributed for benevolent objects, and whatever may be for the interest of the body.

3. The Association shall appoint annually a Moderator, whose duty it shall be, to preserve order, nominate committees and conduct the business of the Association with dispatch. Also a Secretary and Treasurer, who shall serve during the pleasure of the body.

4. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men, by means of a preached gospel; the purity and activity of the churches, in wielding our influence, talent and wealth, to the glory of God and the salvation of sinners.

5. Each church will be expected to contribute according to their ability to support the preached gospel among them, to defray the incidental expenses of the churches at home, and the Association in printing her proceedings, and sustain all her benevolent operations.

6. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a faithful record of all the proceedings of the body in a book provided for that purpose, and of the Treasurer to receive, keep and pay over all funds committed to his hands, promptly as ordered by the body.

7. It shall be the province of the Association to appoint a prudential committee to whom the consummation of any measure may be submitted, which committee shall be amenable for their official acts to the Association.

8. Churches may become members of this body by petition and recommendation upon an examination; and correspondence with other bodies shall be conducted by letter, and exchange of minutes, or the appointment of delegates as the body may dictate.

9. This Association will maintain fellowship with such churches only as maintain purity of doctrine, gospel discipline, and exercise a mutual watch and care over her members, and respect the Constitution of the Association.

10. This body will require of ministers credentials, or certificates of character and standing to be presented to the body or any church within its bounds, prior to reception in this body; and regard as valid the ordination of only such men as give evidence of a work of grace upon the heart, and as are called of God to preach the gospel, and are approved by some church particularly, and generally by the Association.

11. The annual meeting of this body shall be held at such time and place as the Association shall appoint.

12. An introductory sermon shall be preached at each annual session of the Association.

13. This constitution may be altered or amended by the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1st. At each meeting of the Association the Moderator, or in his absence, the Secretary shall call the body together, and after reading of the Scriptures, praise and prayer, it shall be determined by a vote of the Associarion, when the introductory sermon shall be preached.

2. After such decision the order shall be, first, calling for and reading of the letters of the Association; second, election of Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer; third, appointment of committees; fourth, hearing of reports from committees previously appointed; fifth, miscellaneous business.

3d. The presiding officer shall, as far as in him lies, maintain a strict conformity to the Constitution and Rules of Order of the Association. He shall appoint committees, decide questions of order, and give his views on any point under discussion, after others are done speaking.

4th. The names of the delegates shall be called each day of the session, previous to proceeding to business, and minutes of the preceding meeting read and approved.

5th. The members shall observe that respect towards the officers and each other, which becometh those that reverence God—whose they are, and whom they serve. When any member is about to speak in debate, or make any remarks, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address the Moderator,—shall confine himself to the question under consideration, and avoid all personalities. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave.

6th. When a motion is made is without a second, it shall not receive attention; but if seconded, it shall be stated by the Moderator, or if in writing shall be read by the Secretary before debate.

7th. After a motion is stated by the Moderator or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed in the possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn at any time by the mover, previous to discussion.

8th. When a question is on debate, no motion or proposition shall be received, but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend or postpone indefinitely: which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

9th. When a motion has been carried, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority to move a reconsideration thereof on the same day.

10. When a subject is presented and is promptly opposed by any member, it shall be admitted to consideration only by vote of the Association.

11th. No member shall absent himself from the meeting of the Association, unless he have permission, or be sick or unable to attend.

12. All questions except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. These Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any annual session of the Association by the vote of two-thirds of the delegates present.

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" in Embroidery,	5
" in Music,	10
Board,	50

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J. H. MILLS,
Oxford, N. C.

MINUTES

OF THE

TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

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HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

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September 19, 20, 1862.

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Proceedings.

Conoconary, Halifax Co., N. C.,
Friday, Sept. 19th, 1862.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder T. R. Owen from Heb. 13 : 8.

After intermission, the Association, in the absence of the Moderator, was called to order by the Clerk. Prayer by Elder Thorn.

On motion, Elder Thorn was appointed Moderator *pro tem.*

Letters called for and read.

Elder Owen was then elected Moderator, and E. P. Powell Clerk.

On motion, visiting brethren were invited to take seats with us. Present, Elder G. M. Finch, brethren J. A. Egerton, G. Lewis and G. W. Powell, all from Tar River Association with Minutes.

Brethren Cobb, Egerton and Albritton were appointed a committee to draft the order of business for the Association.

Committee on Letters—Brethren Levi Thorn, G. W. Powell and C. J. Nelson.

On Nominations—Brethren Finch, Pope and Bennett.

On motion of Brother Nelson, Brethren Thorn, Bennett, J. Joyner and Nelson were appointed to write a memoir of Brother J. Wood, to be appended to these minutes.

Brethren Cobb and W. Bogart were selected to write a memoir of brother T. M. Rogers, to be appended to the minutes.

Brethren Lawrence and Pope were appointed a committee on Finance, who reported fifteen dollars sent up by the churches for defraying expense of printing minutes.

Report on order of business read and adopted.

Report on Education not being ready, the writer was allowed till to-morrow to prepare report.

The report on Foreign Missions called for, read, and, after discussion, adopted.

On motion, adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow. Prayer by Elder Finch.

SATURDAY, September 20th.

The Association met and opened with prayer by Brother Nelson.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

In the absence of Brother R. L. Wooten, appointed to prepare a report on Home Missions, Elder Cobb was appointed to supply his place.

On motion, the committe on Education was continued to our next session.

Brother Spivey, appointed to report on Periodicals, being absent, Brethren Petty and Battle were appointed to prepare a report on this subject.

The report on Sabbath Schools not being ready, was continued to the next session; also, the report on Temperance was continued.

The following resolution by Elder Albritton was adopted:

Resolved, That the query, "Does justification consist in the pardon of sin?" be discussed at the next session of this body.

On motion, Elder Thorn was appointed to preach at our next session a sermon on Justification.

On motion, Brethren Thorn and Albritton were appointed a committee to report on Army Colportage.

Report on letters read, and, after remarks, adopted.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the next session of this body be held with the church at Goldsboro', to commence on Thursday before the third Sabbath in September, 1863.

Report on Home Missions was read, and, pending its discussion, the Association adjourned to hear the Denominational sermon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met.

Report on Periodicals was read, discussed and adopted.

The report on Home Missions was again taken up, further discussed, and adopted.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That any member belonging to any church composing this Association, who may be present at the sessions of our sister Associations, be considered a delegate.

The following brethren were appointed the Executive Board for the present Associational year, viz: C. Wooten, J. L. Battle, John W. Dawson, R. L. Wooten, C. J. Nelson, W. H. Smith and E. P. Powell.

Report on Nominations read and adopted.

Report on Army Colportage read and adopted.

Elder Albritton offered the following resolution which was adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be unanimously and fervently tendered to the brethren and friends of this vicinity for the very hospitable entertainment afforded us during our present session.

Ordered, That the Clerk have three hundred copies of these minutes printed.

Resolved, That the Moderator be authorized to appoint delegates to represent this body at the approaching session of the Baptist State Convention, after the collection to be taken up to-morrow.

Resolved, That Elder Cobb be allowed an opportunity, on to-morrow, of presenting the claims of Army Colportage, and that the funds which may be contributed be appropriated to his object.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with the church at Goldsboro' on Thursday before the third Sabbath in September, 1863. Prayer by Elder Bennett.

T. R. OWEN, *Moderator.*

E. POWELL, *Clerk.*

SABBATH.

Elders Thorn and Petty preached to a large congregation, after which Elder Cobb spoke in behalf of Army Colportage, and received from the congregation about one hundred and fifty dollars.

Elders Bennett, Thorn, and Brother Nelson were appointed delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

CLERK.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

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Albemarle	Not represented								139			$
Bear Creek	Not represented						31	8	39			4
Cedar Branch	Not represented						16	10	26			
Conoconary	J. T. Lawrence, J. R. Pope, E. P. Powell						67	91	158			3
Concord	Not represented								28			
Ellis	Not represented								17			
Goldsboro'	N. B. Cobb, C. J. Nelson, S. H. Denmark				3	4	21	78	99	60	10	5
Greenville	Not represented						61	28	89			
Hancocks	Not represented						56	18	74			
Hall	Not represented											
Little Creek	Not represented											
Parker's Chapel	Not represented						16	1	17			
Snow Hill	Not represented						12	3	15			
St. John's	Not represented						35	7	42			
Tawboro'	T. R. Owen, J. L. Battle, J. Williamson,*		2				14		14	18		3
White Chapel or Mount Pleasant,	Not represented							82	82			
			2		3	4	329	326	839	78	10	$ 15

*Absent.

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CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.			PASTORS AND P. OFFICES.	CLERKS AND P. OFFICES.	TIMES OF MEETING.
Albemarle	Tyrrell	County,	N. C.		B. T. Sikes, Columbia	
Bear Creek	Lenoir	"	"	Levi Thorne	R. L. Wooten, Mosely Hall	2d and 4th Sab. in each month.
Cedar Branch	Martin	"	"		T. W. Sexton, Jamesville	Once in two months.
Conoconary	Halifax	"	"	T. R. Owen, Tarboro'	E. P. Powell, Scotland Neck	3d Sab. & Sat. before in each m.
Concord	Craven	"	"	Jesse Bennett	J. H. Holton, Bay River	
Ellis'	Edgecombe	"	"		John Carter, Sparta	3d Sabbath in each month.
Goldsboro'	Wayne	"	"		S. H. Denmark, Goldsboro'	Every Sabbath.
Greenville	Pitt	"	"			Every Sabbath.
Hancock's	Pitt	"	"	J. K. White	W. H. Smith	
Hall	Edgecombe	"	"			
Little Creek	Green	"	"	J. K. White	J. C. C. Jenkins, Ridge Spring	
Parker's Chapel	Pitt	"	"	G. W. Camp, Greenville	R. M. Spier	
Snow Hill	Green	"	"	H. Spivey		One Sabbath in each month.
St. John's	Washington	"	"		D. Woodley, Scuppernong	
Tarboro'	Edgecombe	"	"	T. R. Owen	G. B. Lipscomb, Tarboro'	Three Sabbaths in each month.
White Chapel	Washington	"	"		Wm. J. Row, Scuppernong	
				M. Bennett, Sycamore Alley.		

Appendix.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee on Home Missions beg leave to report that since the last meeting of this Association nothing has been done through your Executive Board for this object; and that Board is still in debt for its missionary operations two years ago. This is no fault of their own, but the fault of the church members in the bounds of the Association in neglecting to contribute the necessary funds.

Some little has been done by some of the churches for Army Colportage during the year. The church and congregation at Goldsboro' have contributed $54 90; the church and congregation at Mosely Hall $27 70; the church and congregation at Greenville $58, and the church at Conoconary $10 for this object. If any other contributions have been made by any of the churches represented in this body for Home Missions of any character, they are unknown to your committee. N. B. COBB, *Ch'mn.*

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of Foreign Missions having had no tidings from our dear brethren in this field of labor for a long while, is consequently unadvised as to the progress made during the past year in this important branch of the cause of Christ.

An Allwise Providence by the war that is now going on among us has so ordered it that communication with our missionary brethren is almost cut off. Let us, then, not cease to earnestly pray for them that God will speedily glorify himself in the conversion of many now bowing to stocks and stones; and that the time may soon arrive when we shall have no let or hindrance in co-operating with our brethren as in days past; and that when this time shall arrive we may have given us liberal hearts to bestow much more than we have heretofore ever done.

Submitted,

E. P. POWELL.

REPORT ON LETTERS.

Your committee on letters beg leave to report. But few letters have been presented, and those containing nothing of special import.

No distinct idea of the spiritual condition of the churches of the Association can be arrived at, either from the letters sent or from the few delegates present.

The afflicted state of our country, and especially of our Associational territory, is such that no very cheering state of things can be expected. We are in the furnace of affliction, "wood, hay and stubble," without doubt are being "burnt up;" yet, with confidence in the great Shepherd who "leadeth Jacob as a flock," we can look forward to a brighter day.

L. THORNE, *Ch'mn.*

Your committee hope that the Association will grant the request of the church in Goldsboro' as to the place of holding its next session.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee deem a well conducted religious newspaper next in importance to the regular preaching of the Word; and as the *Biblibal Recorder* published in the city of Raleigh, by our brother J. D. Hufham, is, in the opinion of this Association, such a paper as commends itself to the patronage of the denomination at large; therefore,

Resolved, That we urge upon the members of our churches the absolute necessity of giving it a cordial support.

H. PETTY.

REPORT ON ARMY COLPORTAGE.

Your committee would report that the importance of Army Colportage must be apparent to every person. Not only as christians is it our duty to supply our soldiers with religious reading, but as citizens we are interested in the prevalence of a healthy, moral tone in the land, and as the relatives of those who have gone up "to the high plains of the field."

We of the Pamlico Association should labor in this work with peculiar zeal; for within our territory are great numbers of soldiers battling for us, and, also, the Lord has favored us in advancing a dear brother of our own Association to the control of this great work; therefore,

Resolved, That this Association heartily endorse Elder N. B. Cobb as a superintendant of colportage among the troops of North Carolina, and not only pledge him our hearty cooperation, but commend him and his work to the sympathies, the prayers—the contributions of the christians within our bounds.

L. THORNE, *Ch'mn.*

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Your committee to report on Nominations offer the following:

To preach Introductory Sermon—Elder Albritton. Alternate—Elder Cobb.

Denominational Sermon—Elder Owen. Alternate—Elder Petty.

Missionary Sermon—Elder Bennett.

REPORTS.

On Foreign Missions—J. Joyner.
Home Missions—C. Wooten.
Periodicals—C. J. Nelson.
Sabbath Schools—Elder Cobb.

Respectfully submitted,
G. M. L. FINCH, *Ch'mn.*

TO THE CHURCHES COMPOSING THE PAMLICO ASSOCIATION.

Another annual session of our Association has just closed; and while some of our dear brethren whom we have often met, and with whom we have taken sweet counsel, have been called to their reward, we are yet spared—our lives still prolonged. Let us enquire of God why we are thus spared. Have we improved our talents? Are we faithful servants in our Master's cause? Have we done what we could for the advancement of Christ's kingdom on earth? Alas! we fear not. May God help us to examine, prayerfully to examine our hearts, and make us his servants in deed and in truth.

The *christian's* heart goes out in earnest and fervent desires for the prosperity and advancement of religion in the world. And how, let us ask, are these desires manifested? They may be shown by earnest and habitual supplication at a throne of grace; and while it is the christian's duty thus to pray, his obligations stop not here. God requires of him to give a portion of the goods committed to his hands for the extension of his kingdom on earth.

Brethren, have we done this? The great destitution within our bounds would seem to say that we have not. It is a lamentable fact that we have had no itinerant traveling within our bounds during the past Associational year. Are we willing that the present year shall pass away as the last has? I hope not—I believe not.

Your servants, the Executive Committee, can effect nothing apart from your co-operation. In other words, they cannot obtain Itinerants unless the churches supply the means.

Will the churches take hold of the matter. May God help them to do it, is the prayer of

A MEMBER OF THE BOARD.

P. S.—Let the churches, at their next conference take up a collection and send their contributions to the Bear Creek Church, on Saturday before the fourth Sabbath in October, as the committee hope to meet at that time and place.

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTEENTH-ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Pamlico Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

GOLDSBORO', N. C.

September 17. 18. 19. 1863.

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Proceedings.

GOLDSBORO', N. C., Thursday, Sept. 17th, 1863.

The Association met and was opened with reading a Psalm and prayer by Elder T. R. Owen.

Letters called for and read.

Elder Owen was appointed Moderator, and E. P. Powell Clerk.

On motion, visiting brethren were invited to take seats. Present, Brother G. W. Powell from Tar River; Brethren Best and Wood from Union, and Bro. Jones from Beulah Association.

Brethren Gold, Cobb and Nelson were appointed a committee on order of business.

Committee on Letters—E. P. Powell and J. T. Albritton.

On Nominations—Albritton, Best and J. T. Lawrence.

Report on order of business read and adopted.

Brethren Gold, Nelson and Cobb were appointed a committee to arrange religious exercises during the session.

On motion, adjourned till 3 o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Elder Best.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association opened with praise and prayer by Elder Owen.

Letter from Goldsboro church read.

Brethren Cobb and Camp gave some interesting news from sister Associations visited by them, and handed in Minutes from Liberty Association.

Elder Cobb was appointed to write a report on Foreign Missions in place of Bro. Joyner deceased.

Brethren Camp and G. W. Powell were a appointed committee on Finance, who reported forty-three dollars sent up by the churches for defraying the printing minutes. (A friend contributed one dollar and J. A. Averitt two dollars for this object.)

On motion, the same Executive Board was continued.

On motion, adjourned till to-morrow 10 o'clock, A. M. Prayer by Bro. G. W. Powell.

The Introductory sermon was preached at night, by Elder Albritton from Phil. 2: 9.

FRIDAY, Sept. 18th.

Association met and opened with prayer by Moderator. Minutes of yesterday read and roll called.

The report on Periodicals read and after remarks and contributions to send the *Recorder* to soldiers, was adopted. The funds for this object were ordered to be placed in the hands of Elder Cobb.

Report on S. Schools read and after remarks adopted.

On motion, adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Bro. Bogart.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met and opened with prayer by Bro. Robertson. Bro. Oliver from Union Association being present, was invited to participate in the deliberation.

Brethren Gold, Lawrence and E. P. Powell were appointed a committee to report on Colportage.

Brethren Albritton, Cobb and Best were selected to report on Home Missions.

Report on Nominations read and adopted.

On motion of Bro. Nelson, it was agreed to reconsider the appointment of the Executive Board of the Association, whereupon Brethren Bogart, Wood and Gold were appointed to nominate Board for the ensuing Associational year.

On motion, adjourned till to-morrow 10 o'clock, A. M. Prayer by Bro. Oliver.

SATURDAY, Sept. 19.

Association met and opened with prayer by Elder Camp.

Minutes of yesterday read and list of delegates called.

Letter from the church at Bear Creek handed in and read.

Committee to nominate Executive Board reported, and report adopted. P. D. Gold, J. T. Lawrence, J. L. Battle, C. J. Nelson, E. P. Powell, constitute said Board.

On motion, it was agreed to take up a collection to aid in support of a missionary within our bounds.

The Executive committee was requested to address a letter to each of the churches asking aid in behalf of this object.

E. P. Powell was appointed delegate to the Tar River; J. T. Lawrence, to the Chowan; G. W. Camp, to the Liberty; P. D. Gold and C. J. Nelson, to the Union; and E. A. Best, to Raleigh Association.

Resolved, That the next session of this body be held with the church at Bear Creek to commence on Thursday, before the 3rd Sabbath in Sebtember, 1864.

Brethren C. Wooten, Gold, Lawrence, Owen, Nelson and Camp, were appointed as delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

Report on Army Colportage read and adopted. Report on Letters read and adopted.

Bro. Nelson was appointed to write a memoir of Bro. J. Joyner to be appended to the minutes. The brethren selected at the last session, to write memoirs of Brethren Wood and Roges, having failed in duty, the Clerk was requested to have published in these minutes the obituaries of said deceased as they appeared in the *Recorder*.

The report on Foreign Missions was read and adopted.

On motion, adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met and opened with prayer by the Moderator.

On motion, the query. "Does justification consist in the pardon of sin?" was discussed at some length by Brethren Camp, Albritton and Robertson, and laid over to the next Association. A resolution of thanks was tendered to the citizens of Goldsboro' for their hospitality to delegates and visitors during our session, and also to the Methodist and Prebyterian brethren for the tender of their houses of worship to our ministers. The clerk was requested to have one hundred and fifty of these minutes published and distributed among the churches.

The Association then adjourned to meet at Bear Creek, Lenoir county, N. C., on Thursday before the 3rd Sabbath in September, 1864. Prayer by Bro. Cobb.

T. R. OWEN, MOD'R.

E. P. POWELL, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES' NAMES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by letter.	Dis'd by letter.	Expelled.	Deceased.	Whites.	Colored.	Total in Fellowship.	S. S. Scholars.	S. S. Teachers.	Vol. in Libary.	Contributions.
Albemarle,	Not represented,								139				
Bear Creek,	C. Wooten, C. Bizzell,* Wiley Gurganous,*						31	8	39	30	7		$10 00
Cedar Branch,	Not represented,						16	10	26				
Conoconary,	J. T. Lawrence, J. R. Pope,* E. P. Powell,	4				2	65	100	165				10 00
Concord,	Not represented,								28				
Ellis',	Not represented,								17				
Goldsboro,	P. D. Gold, C. J. Nelson, A. H. Humphrey,	14	7		5	1	90	24	114	75	13		10 00
Greenville,	G. W. Camp, J. S. Brown,* D. Lawrence,*						56	18	74	28	6	300	5 00
Hancocks,	Not represented,						56	18	74				
Hall,	Not represented,												
Little Creek.	Not represented,												
Parker's Chapel,	Not represented,						16	1	17				
Snow Hill,	Not represented,						12	3	15				
St. Johns,	Not represented,	2					35	7	42				
Tarboro,	T. R. Owen, J. A. Williamson,* J. L. Battle,*				1		14			12	5		5 00
White Chapel or Mount Pleasant,	Not represented,								82				
	*Absent. Total.	20	7	0	6	3	391	189	832	145	31	300	40 00

Appendix.

REPORT ON ARMY COLPORTAGE.

The late history of Army Colportage is full of interest, and it promises a harvest of unsurpassed richness.

With this Association, and this Church, its beginning is linked, and its history most closely blended. Without tracing its operations from its beginnings, (for of these you have already heard,) we shall briefly detail only those of the past Associational year. The Superintendent, Elder N. B. Cobb, has raised from the churches of this Association, the following sums: Bear Creek, $10 00; Conoconary, $40 00; Greenville, $11 00; Goldsboro', $127 25; Tarboro, $126 15; also, some additional sums from individuals, making a total of $381 90. He has collected, since November last, from the State of North Carolina, over eight thousand dollars.

During this year he has kept an average of twelve colporters actively engaged in the field. These he has supplied with Bibles, Hymn Books and Tracts, the *Recorder*, &c., for distribution in the army. The number of pages of tracts distributed will amount to three million. These colporters have been faithfully engaged in preaching also.

All the good results of this enterprise cannot be measured by man. The general interest our christian country takes in it, the wonderful revivals prevailing in our army measurably produced by this instrumentality, the great amount of religious knowledge diffused thereby and the number of souls born into Christ's kingdom are some of the fruits of this glorious work and proof that this is the grand instrument by which the evils of the soldier's life are to be met and his dying hours cheered by the light of a glorious immortality.

Your committee refer you to the reports of colporters, through the religious papers of the country, for information of the success of this enterprise; yet from the knowledge we have of this work, we can say that all its good results are far from being fully reported in said papers.

We feel it our duty to aid our Superintendent in this glorious work in every manner possible. We are grateful for his activity, his zeal and his success, and commend him and his work to the sympathy of this body and the prayers of christians, and urge upon all to fly to the support of this enterprise at a time when its can accomplish more than any other agencies in the spread of the gospel.

P. D. GOLD, Chm'n.

REPORT ON LETTERS.

Your Committee on Letters, make the following report:

But five churches are represented by letter in the present session of the Pamlico Association, although there are four times this number belonging to this body.

Our Association is indeed, in a deplorable condition, and many of our brethren need our sympathy and prayers, that they may continue faithful during these times of war and increasing worldliness.

From the letters in hand we glean some encouraging facts:

1st. The indigent are cared for to some extent. One of our churches reports $400 indigent fund raised during the past Associational year. No doubt, the other churches have done something for the poor, though nothing is reported.

2d. The soldiers are cared for. Two of the churches have given to Army Missions about $150 each during the past year. Another has given $50.

3rd. The Sabbath School interest is on the increase among the churches represented. We hope that next year's letters will report some mission schools under the care of enterprising brethren.

4th. One other encouraging fact we have to notice is, that the churches are beginning to exercise gospel discipline. If the church need further cleansing, we hope the work of expulsion will be continued till none but God's believing elect shall be united in the bonds of church-fellowship.

This Association is cordially invited to hold its next session with the Bear Creek church.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. T. ALBRITTON, Chm'n.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Owing to the blockade of our coast and the impossibility of procuring foriegn exchange the Foreign Mission Board at Richmond have been able to do but little for our Missionaries in heathen lands, or to hear but little from them since last we met. An occasional letter has however run the blockade and we are not entirely without tidings of their situation. Under date of December 4th, 1862, Bro. A. D. Phillips, missionary to Abeokuta, Africa, writes: "Brother and Sister Stone, are now in Lagos, and are to leave on the steamer the 10th inst. I believe they will go to England, and, if possible to America. So I am again *alone*, with a heavy charge—more than fifty little children to train, to feed and clothe, if I can. Two of the converts here behaved so badly during my absence (in England whither he had gone to procure assistance from the brethren, as he could not hear from his own country,) that we were obliged to exclude them, others seem to be growing in grace and with some I am much pleased. Among the first baptized last year is a young man, who is now employed by other converts—with part pay from the mission, to preach daily and read the Scriptures from house to house. But this country is in an awful state of confusion just now. The king is dead and anarchy reigns, and war is on nearly every side.

We learn through Bro. Taylor that, "at Sierra Leone, where a man of undoubted piety and a thorough disciplinarian might accomplish much for our cause and even help the Yoruban Mission, the mission at present is very weak." Bro. Brown our missionary was too much afflicted to get out of his house at all, and his deacons addressed the church every Sunday. The support of himself and family was derived from his own labor, in repairing watches, clocks, &c. At Lagos, Bro. Harden, who is very highly respected there, had been obliged to engage in the manufacture of bricks for a livelihood, though he succeeded in devoting his own time principally to missionary labors.

Our Missionaries in China, are much embarrassed for want of funds, but are still prosecuting their labors with energy, and their schools we are happy to learn are all in operation.

A way we are told is now open for the transmission of funds to these dear brethren and the Secretaries of the Foreign Misson Board are calling upon the churches for contributions. Send funds for this object by letter or otherwise to Capt. C. D. Ellis, Treasurer of the N. C. Mission Board, Wilmington, N. C., or to N. C. Baptist Board of Missions, care of N. B. Cobb, Goldsboro, N. C.

N. B. COBB, Chm'n.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We, the Committee on Nominations, make the following report:

To preach the Introductory sermon—N. B. Cobb; Alternate, G. W. Camp.
Denominational sermon—P. D. Gold.
Missionary Sermon—E. A. Best.

REPORTS.

On Foreign Missions—N. B. Cobb.
Associational Missions—C. J. Nelson.
Periodicals—Eaton Powell.
Sabbath Schools—C. P. Bogart.
Temperance.—Jno. T. Albritton.
Army Colportage—G. W. Camp.

JNO. T. ALBRITTON, Chm'n.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

At this day the power of the religious press is wonderfully felt; it reaches the soldiers in the army, it comforts the sorrowing ones at home, it strengthens the hands and heart of the preacher in these times when there are but few things of an earthly character to comfort him.

We believe that this is a time for special effort to increase religious knowledge.

With pleasure do we recommend the *Biblical Recorder* and the *Child's Index*, a suitable Sunday School paper, to your consideration and your patronage.

We trust that suitable efforts will be made to increase the circulation of the *Recorder*, both at home and in the army.

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. NELSON, Chm'n.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The letters from the several churches report but five Baptist Sabbath Schools within the bounds of the large area of country covered by this Association, viz: two in Goldsboro, one in Tarboro, one in Greenville and one at Mosely Hall or Bear Creek. When last heard from, the churches of Albemarle in Tyrrell and White Chapel in Washington county, had each a flourishing Sabbath School within the enemy's lines, but as they have sent up no letters nor delegates to this meeting their statistics are unknown.

Greenville Sabbath School is under the superintendence of Miss. T. Hatton, has six teachers, all females, twenty-eight pupils and a library of about 300 volumes.

Mosely Hall Sabbath School is also under the superintendence of a sister, Mrs. E. A. Best. It has seven teachers, (all females but one) and about thirty pupils. They are much in need of a new library.

Tarboro Sabbath School under the superintendence of Bro. J. A. Williamson, has five teachers, 12 pupils and a library of 150 or 200 volumes.

Goldsboro Sabbath School, in the Baptist church is under the superintendence of Rev. C. P. Bogart, and has 13 teachers, 75 pupils and a library of —— volumes. Since the first of March they report collections for Missionary purposes to the amount of $25 50 and 2000 verses of scripture committed to memory and recited by the different pupils.

Webville Sabbath School in the suburbs of Goldsboro under the superintendence of Bro. C. J. Nelson, has 18 teachers, 114 pupils and about 300 volumes in its library.

An examination of the foregoing statistics discloses the fact that (excepting the two schools whose statistics we are unable to get by reason of the presence of the enemy) only 259 children in this Association, are receiving any Sunday School instruction at our hands, and only 70 outside of Goldsboro and vicinity.

We know there have been difficulties in the way of getting books but they have now been supplied to us by brethren from our own State, and we are without real excuse for our neglect in this matter. "Sabbath School Hymns" compiled by one of our own Sabbath School teachers, are now being published in Raleigh at a price of 30 cents each or $25 for one hundred copies. Orders may be sent to H. D. Turner and W. L. Pomeroy, Book sellers, or John. G. Williams, or Rev. W. J. W. Crowder, Raleigh, N. C.

"Biblical Catechisms for Sabbath Schools by Rev. J. J. Lansdell," can also be obtained from the same parties and from Rev. J. D. Hufham, at a cost of 50 cents each or $5 00 a dozen, the cash to accompany all orders.

Rev. S. Boykin of Macon, Ga., is also publishing a monthly Sabbath School paper entitled the "Child's Index," which has not an equal in any of the Northern Sabbath School Journals. Its print is clear, its illustration good and its reading matter finely adapted to the capacity of children. Price 50 cents a copy when four or more are taken, or $1 for single copies.

We heartily recommend these books to all Sabbath Schools in our bounds, and urge the brethren and sisters who have not Sabbath Schools established among them, to get them and organize such Schools at once. Conoconary, Halifax, Clarksville, Little Creek, Wilson and Hancocks, ought each to have a Baptist Sabbath School.

N. B. COBB, Chm'n.

MINUTES

OF THE

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

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BEAR CREEK, LENOIR CO., N. C.,
Friday, Sep. 16th, 1864.

The Association met and was opened with prayer by Elder Bennett. In the absence of the Clerk, Elder P. D. Gold was appointed Clerk pro tem.

Letters were called for and read.

Elder T. R. Owen appointed Moderator, and E. P. Powell Clerk. On motion, visiting brethren were invited to take seats and participate in the deliberations. Present, Elder J. F. Deans, from the Portsmouth Association, Va.

On motion of Elder Cobb, the following churches, on account of their failure to represent themselves at our annual sessions either by letters or delegates, were erased from the Minutes: Cedar Branch, Concord, Parker's Chapel, and St. Johns.

Elder Bennett stated that the church at Hall's had mutually agreed to disband and unite with other churches of the same faith and order.

Brethren Bennett, Robinson and Camp were appointed a committee on Order of Business; on Nominations, Cobb, Baker and Gold; on Religious Exercises, Best and deacons of Bear Creek church; Finance Committee, Hyman, Hines, and Cobb.

On motion, petitionary letters were called for and one, from the newly constituted church at Clarksville, Halifax county, was presented and read; and the church admitted as a constituent member of this Association. The right hand of fellowship was extended by the Moderator to the delegates of said church—brethren Hyman and Camp.

Elder Bennett was appointed to preach the Missionary sermon, in place of Elder Best; also Elder Deans to preach the denominational sermon, in place of Elder Gold.

On motion, adjourned to hear the Introductory sermon, which was delivered by Elder Cobb, from Genesis 4 : 10.

Afternoon Session.

Association met and opened with singing. Report on Order of Business presented and adopted. Letters again called for. Committee of Finance reported one hundred and twenty-five dollars sent up by the churches for defraying the publishing of Minutes and remunerating Clerk; which amount was ordered to be handed to the Clerk.

Report on Foreign Missions presented, and after remarks by Elders Bennett, Deans and Cobb, it was adopted—(See Appendix, A) A collection was here taken up for this object, amounting to $70.

The Report on Periodicals was called for and read; and, on motion, was laid on the table till to-morrow.

The report on S. Schools was read and, after being amended, was adopted.

The report on Army Colportage was postponed till tomorrow.

Elders Cobb and Bennett and brother Robinson were appointed a committee on Obituaries.

On motion, adjourned to 9 1-2 o'clock to-morrow. Prayer by brother Robinson.

Saturday, Sept. 17th.

The Association met and opened with singing and prayer by Elder Albritton. Minutes of yesterday read and names of delegates. On the renewal of a call for petitionary letters one, from the newly constituted church in the town of Halifax, was presented and read; and said church received as a member of this Association; Elder Owen, the Moderator, presenting, to the delegate, Elder Albritton, the right hand of fellowship.

Visiting brethren again invited to seats with us. Present, Elder Hufham, and brethren Thompson and Mootin, Confederate soldiers.

The report on Nominations was read and adopted. (See Appendix, B.)

It was

Resolved, that the next session of this body be held with the Zion church commencing on Thursday before the third Sabbath in September, 1865.

The following resolution by Elder Cobb was adopted:

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend to the pastors and churches of this Association that they encourage the practice of church members holding their membership in churches nearest their places of residence, and that no letter of dismission be recognized as valid unless deposited with some other church within one year after its date.

The report of Executive Committee was read and after remarks by Elders Gold and Cobb, and contributions of four hundred and fifty dollars, was adopted.

On motion, adjourned to 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON.

Association met and called to order by the Moderator.

On motion, P. D. Gold, C. J. Nelson, J. T. Lawrence, J. H. Hyman and E. P. Powell were appointed the Executive Board of this Association for the next Associational year.

Report on Temperance was read, and after remarks by Elder Bennett, was adopted. (See Appendix C)

Report on Periodicals was again presented, and after remarks by Elders Hufham, Bennett, Camp, and Cobb was amended and adopted. (See Appendix D)

Report on Army Colportage called for, and after interesting remarks by brethren Cobb and Hufham, it was adopted: (See Appendix E.)

The following resolution of thanks was read and adopted.

Resolved that the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to this community for their kindness and hospitality during our present session.

The following brethren were appointed delegates to the Baptist State Convention: P. D. Gold, G. W. Camp, T. R. Owen, M Bennett, C. Wooten, J. H. Hyman E P. Powell; or any member of this Association who may be present.

The Clerk was requested to have one hundred and fifty copies of the minutes printed and distributed to the churches.

After singing and prayer by Elder Hufham, the Association adjourned to meet with the church at Clarksville on Thursday before the third Sabbath in September, 1865.

T. R. OWEN, MOD.

E. P. POWELL, Cl'k.

Appendix.

A.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

So far as we can ascertain, the Baptists of the Confederate States have at this time but eight Missionaries in heathen lands, viz: Elders Graves, Hartwell, Crawford, Yates and Schilling in China, and Elders Reid, Harden and Philips in Africa; brother Stone of Africa, and bro. Cabaniss, of China, being at present in Virginia where they will probably remain during this war.

The latest intelligence from our brethren in China represented our mission work as going on successfully in Canton, Shanghai and Tung Chau. Two persons had recently been baptized at each of the two last named places. Bro. Yates is now absent with his family in Switzerland, where he has his daughter at school and will not return to Tung Chau, for several months to come He is now laboring as missionary at his own expense, having been very successful in some business transactions by which he realized a competent support for his family.

Our African Missions have been much interrupted by wars in that land, and some of our missionaries there have greatly suffered from their desolating effects One of them was for a long time cut off from the funds intended for his support, and was very ragged and barefoot when assistance did reach him. Since this war with the United States has interrupted our communication with the Board at Richmond, our missionaries have been resorting to various expedients for a livelihood. One has been making bricks, another repairing watches, and two others acting as government interpreters.

Let us not forget their claims upon our prayers and our contributions. At present they borrow money in England on the credit of the Foreign Mission Board at Richmond; but as soon as this war is over this money must be returned, and our brethren would do well to continue their contributions to this Board. Let us remember the millions of perishing souls in these vast regions where we have but eight missionaries, and ask whether God will not require their blood at our hands.

N. B. COBB.

B.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

To preach Introductory sermon, M. Bennett; Denominational sermon, T. R Owen; Missionary sermon, Theodore Whitfield. To write reports: On Foreign Missions, J. F. Deans; Associational Missions, E. P Powell; Periodicals, G. W. Camp; Sabbath Schools, J. H. Hyman; Temperance, M. Bennett; Army Colprtage, J. T. Albritton.

N. B. COBB.

C.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Of the evils of intemperance, it is needless to speak. Our eyes have seen, and our ears have heard enough to convince any one of ordinary sense that the liquor distillery, the grog shop and the side board decanter, though long established and well patronized institutions of the country, have never been the promoters of the true interests of mankind; but, rather that they have been the sources of almost innumerable evils. Nor need I attempt to present to an enlightened christian community scriptural proof of the position that the manufacture, sale or use of ardent spirits as a beverage, is sinful. It is too self-evident. As well might I attempt to prove that there is a God.

You will pardon me for intruding the opinion that our churches generally, have been too lax in this matter. And so far as my observation has extended, this laxity is growing. Churches are too apt to tolerate what the world sanctions. It is now a common thing to see Generals in command of important posts, politicians whom the people have honored, and worldly men of various types of character, become jovial over this beverage of hell, and as senseless as the beasts of the forest. Now the railway traveller may often see the silver goblet filled with the accursed stuff, and presented by the beautiful and delicate hand of woman, to her rougher companion. Nor is the church of Christ sinless in this matter. There are many church members who, in violation of their solemn church covenant, make, sell, and drink as a beverage, intoxicating liquors. It is to be hoped that the day will come, when, for the sake of humanity and religion, the church of Christ, the world's reformer, will rise in her moral strength, and crush this cruel destroyer of human happiness, inscribing upon her portals the safe, humane, and christian principles of total abstinence.

The salvation of the bodies and souls of men calls upon the good man to deny himself. Let no dark spot of intemperance appear on the church, and the committees on intemperance may all be discharged.

Respectfully submitted.

JNO. T. ALBRITTON.

D.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

That religious periodicals, when conducted, as they always should be, by men imbued with the spirit of Christ, conduce to the spiritual good of all who read them, none will doubt. To the christian they are often a source of comfort amid the trials of life, as well as of admonition when he is disposed to neglect the duties devolving upon him.

By attentively reading these weekly visitors, he may not only be encouraged in his earthly pilgrimage, but is often led to such reflections as will cause him more earnestly to strive to do good unto others. We would therefore earnestly recommend to all the members and friends of this Association the "Biblical Recorder" and "Child's Index."

We would, under existing circumstances, request brother Hufham either to reduce the "Biblical Recorder" to half sheet, or increase its price.

E. P. POWELL.

E.

REPORT ON ARMY COLPORTAGE.

If there is one element in this war, now being waged against us, which has a tendency to mitigate its untold evils, it is Army Colportage In order to counteract the wide spread and desolating immoralities incident to an army; to prevent our army from being conquered and enslaved by sin and all of its concomitants; to point them to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world; to cheer the soldier upon the battle-field; to solacé him upon the sick bed; and in death to span his sky with fadeless glory, Army Colportage was inaugurated. Army Colportage has accomplished more for the spiritual necessities of our army than any other instrumentality put forth by the churches. The colporter not only distributes Bibles, Testaments, hymn-books and tracts, but he also preaches the word Time is too short to develop the good accomplished by this enterprise. Eternity alone will evolve it Both in view of the great destitution of our army and the good this means is accomplishing, we would most earnestly solicit, not only this body, but all who feel a desire, to promote the spiritual condition of our army to aid and assist, both by their prayers and contributions, our indefatigable Superintendent of Army Colportage for N. C., Elder N. B. Cobb, who is pre-eminently adapted for the laborious and useful position he has filled with so much honor and credit, both to himself and the cause which he represents. We commend him and the cause to an all-wise Providence, praying that he may be as useful in his labors of love for the future as in the past.

The following will show what has been done during the last Associational yea : 33 missionaries have been employed since November last; about 15,000 hymn books, and over 25,000 Bibles have been gratuitously distributed; nearly 3,000,000 pages of tracts have been published; collected $24,453, more than twice as much as we received for the same time last year. The salary of every Baptist chaplain from North Carolina is supplemented. Respectfully submitted.

GEO. W. CAMP.

F.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The subject of Sunday Schools ought to claim the attention of every christian, on account of the benefits which it confers on all who engage in them Teachers and scholars are blessed by a faithful discharge of their duties; the church is built up and strengthened; churches are often organized as the result of Sunday School labor in destitute sections; and the moral tone of the neighborhood is always improved. But, in a report, which must necessarily be brief, we can not enter into detail.

It is to be feared that the churches of this Association are not sufficiently alive to the importance, as but six, out of thirteen, have schools; and these report but little over 300 scholars. This ought not so to be. There ought to be a School in every church. It has sometimes been urged that books can not be procured; but this can not be brought forward now, as the S. S. Board in Raleigh are now prepared to furnish all the books that are really needed. The true reason why there are so few schools in operation among us is, we fear, that the churches are criminally indifferent to the welfare of the children Is it not high time to awake out of sleep? C. PETER BOGERT.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES' NAMES.	Baptized.	R c'd by letter.	D s'd by letter.	Expelled.	Restored.	Deceased.	Whites.	Colored.	Total.	S S Scholars.	S S Teachers.	Vols in Library.	Contributions.
Albemarle, -	Not represented. In enemy's lines. -									139				
Bear Creek, -	J M Hines, Council Bizzell, Alex Fields, -	31		4			1			74	70	10		$ 20 00
Conoconary, -	*J T Lawrence, *J R Pope, E P Powell, -				1	2	3	63	98	161				20 00
Ellis, -	Not represented, -									17				
Goldsboro, -	J J Baker, Wm Robinson, *Wm Bogart, -	32	4	6	6		2	113	24	137	100	17	100	10 00
Greenville, -	G W Camp, *W R Delaney, *D Lawrence, -							54	18	72	30	8	250	13 00
Hancock's, -	*S N Whitson, *J C Cox, -							47	22	69				15 00
Halifax, -	J T Albritton, -							5	36	41				20 00
Little Creek, -	Not represented, -													5 00
Snow Hill, -	Not represented, -									15				
Tarboro, -	T R Owen, *J L Battle, *J A Williamson, -		1		1			15		15	25	5		12 00
White Chapel or Mt. Pleasant,	Not represented. In enemy's lines, -									82				
Zion, -	J H Hyman, J O Camp, -							43	5	48	59	13	150	10 00
	*Absent.	63	5	10	8	2	7	340	203	870	284	53	500	$125 00

MINUTES

OF THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE

PAMLICO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Held with the Church at Zion, September 15—16, 1865.

ZION, HALIFAX, Co., N. C.,
Sept. 15th, 1865.

The Association met and opened with prayer by brother G. W. Powell.

In the absence of Elder Owen, Elder Bennett was chosen Moderator *pro tem.*

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder A. McDowell from Colossians iii : 1, 2, 3, 4.

On motion, letters were called for and read.

Petitionary letters were then called for and one from the newly organized church at Weldon, was handed in and read. The articles of faith of said church were also read, and she was, on motion, unanimously received into this body as one of its constituent members, and the right hand of fellowship extended by the Moderator to her delegate, brother Spilman.

On motion, visiting brethren and messengers were invited to take seats with us and participate in our deliberations.

Elders McDowell, Hoggard, Mitchell, and brethren G. C. Moore, S. J. Wheeler, W. J. Cox, Wiley Dunning, Jas. H. Peele, Geo. L. Hancock and Robert H. Hancock from the Chowan, brother G. W. Powell from the Tar River and Elder Deans from the Portsmouth Association, accepted the invitation.

The pastor and deacons of this church were selected to arrange religious exercises during the session.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator, viz :

On Orders of Business—Elders McDowell, Gold and Whitfield.

On Finance—brethren Hyman and Pope.

On Nominations—brethren Powell, Lawrence and Hyman.

To Appoint time and place for next session of Association—Elder Gold.

Brethren Cobb and Wheeler were appointed to write a report on periodicals, in place of Elder Camp, who was absent, and brother Wheeler to report on Army Colportage in place of Elder Albritton who was absent. On motion, adjourned to 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met and opened with prayer by Elder Bennett.

On motion of brother Gold, Elder Owen was appointed Moderator, and E. P. Powell, Clerk.

The report of the Executive Committee was then read, and after interesting remarks by Elders Bennett, Whitfield, Cobb, Gold and Nelson, was adopted.

The reports on Sabbath Schools and Temperance not being ready the committees were allowed until to-morrow to prepare them.

Elder McDowell, President of the Chowan Female Collegiate Institute, being present, it was resolved to suspend further business for the purpose of allowing him an opportunity of presenting the claims of said Institute to the Association, which he did by a plain statement of facts in regard to its history during the war, and its present prospects. Brother G. C. Moore also made some interesting remarks in regard to said school.

Brethren Whitfield, Lawrence and Bishop were constituted a committee to nominate an Executive Board of the Association for the next year.

On motion, the Association adjourned till to-morrow 10 o'clock. Prayer by Elder Nelson.

SATURDAY, Sept. 16th, 1865.

The Association met and opened with prayer by the Moderator. The minutes of yesterday were read and the list of delegates called.

On motion, the report on Periodicals was presented and read, and after remarks from Elders Cobb and McDowell, was adopted.

Elder Gold, appointed to select the time and place for next session of this body, reported Greenville as the place and Thursday before the third Sabbath in September next as the time, which was adopted.

The report on Sabbath Schools was read, and after interesting remarks from Elders Gold, Cobb, Bennett and McDowell, was adopted.

On motion, the Association adjourned till 2 o'clock P. M., to hear the Denominational Sermon which was preached by Elder Owen.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator and proceeded to business.

The Reports on Army Colportage, Temperance, Foreign Missions, and Nominations were read and adopted.

The Committee to appoint an Executive Board of the Association, selected for that board, Elders Gold, Nelson and Powell, and brethren B. W. Spilman, and J. L. Battle.

The following brethren were appointed as delegates to sister Associations, viz:

To Tar River Association—E. P. Powell, J. R. Pope.

To Chowan Association—Gold, Owen, Spivey and Powell.

To Union Association—Nelson, Whitfield and Albritton

To Portsmouth Association—Gold, Lawrence and Hyman.

To the Baptist State Convention—Nelson, Whitfield, Spivey, Cobb, Gold, Powell, or any member of this Association who may be in attendance.

Brethren Nelson and Whitfield were appointed a committee on Obituaries.

The Committee on Finance reported twenty-nine dollars sent up by the churches to pay for printing minutes. The Clerk was requested to have as many minutes printed as this amount will pay for.

The following resolution of thanks was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due to the kind inhabitants of this neighborhood for the bountiful hospitality which has been so frankly tendered and afforded to it during its session in their midst.

On motion the Association then adjourned to meet with the church in Greenville N. C. on Thursday before the third Sabbath in September 1866.

Prayer by Elder Mitchell.

T. R. OWEN, Moderator.

E. P. Powell, Clerk.

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Albermarle,	Not represented,									189				
Bear Creek,	Not represented,									74				
Conoconary,	J. R. Pope, Blount Spiers, E. P. Powell,	2		20	2	1	2	56	77	182				$ 8
Ellis,	Not represented,									17				
Goldsboro',	C. J. Nelson, T. J. Baker,* T. Whitfield,	12		2			8	116	26	142	80	11		4
Greenville,	Wm. R. Delany,* T. A. Gorham,* David Lawrence*,	5			1			60	29	89	25	6		5
Hancock's	Not represented,									69				
Halifax,	Not represented,									41				
Little Creek,	J. W. Dawson,* Levi Dawson,* J. C. C. Jenkins,*													2
Roanoke,	J. S. Spilman,									45				5
Snow Hill,	H. S. Spivey, J. W. Potter, W. R. Croom*,	13	2	2			5	18	7	25				2
Tarboro',	T. R. Owen, J. L. Battle,		2		1			14	2	16	15	5		8
White Chapel, or Mt. Pleasant	Not represented,									82				
Zion,	P. D. Gold, J. H. Hyman, W. M. Bishop,	11	8		1					65	50	13		5
	*Absent.	43	12	24	5	1	10	863	141	986	170	35		$39

There is a branch Sabbath School at each of the Churches at Goldsboro' and Zion, numbering, the former, 60 scholars, 10 teachers. The latter, 40 scholars and 6 teachers.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We report that little has been done by us the past Associational year. Our funds were all in Confederate money, and are worthless. We believe we are not at all in debt now.

Bro. Nelson and bro. Albritton have been preaching occasionally at Halifax, and this has been discontinued of late, because there was no communication by railroad between them and this place.

There are a number of churches without under-shepherds in this Association. Quanky Chapel, Ellis White's Chapel and many others.

These churches were organized under the imprudence of a revival feeling that, probably, was not altogether spiritual. These churches have since been neglected.

Besides, there is an immense territory within this Association, where there are no churches.

Now, we believe that there ought to be gospel preachers feeding these little neglected, scattered flocks, and preaching to the people at other points, if possible.

We believe that the preachers should be sound, experimental, gospel preachers. We believe this Association should commend only such to the people.

We do not believe that when we as a church or Association commend any one as a preacher, that we give him the power to preach, or that no man can preach unless so set apart, but we believe this, that it is our duty, so far as possible, to commend and send forth to these weak churches, and to destitute portions of our country good, gospel ministers, and to pay their expenses if necessary. We do not believe that such preach for money, but we believe it should be regarded by us as a duty and privilege to support such persons if necessary, while so preaching. Paul commended some of his churches for sending contributions under such circumstances. Then, if we could find a brother minister who feels it to be his duty to preach as a missionary amongst these destitute portions of our State, and we believe that he preaches the gospel, salvation by grace, (without works) for then it could not be of grace, we should commend him to these churches ; to strengthen them and preach whenever he can, and God will quicken his people to hear and that we should support such a preacher if necessary and we know nothing better to be suggested now.

It is an important matter. May Jesus make us willing to sacrifice our means if necessary and give us a self sacrificed preacher of Himself who will go, and may the Holy Spirit guide us in this matter.

P. D. GOLD, Chairman.
E. P. POWELL.
J. H. HYMAN.
C. J. NELSON.
J. L. LAWRENCE.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Of the *eight* churches represented in this Association, *five* report Sabbath Schools, whose statistics are as follows:

Goldsboro,	140	pupils and	21	teachers.
Greenville,	25	"	6	"
Tarboro,'	15	"	5	"
Zion,	50	"	13	"
Roanoke,	14	"	4	"
Total	244		49	

Conoconary, one of our largest churches, Snow Hill and Little Creek report no Sabbath Schools in their midst.

There is a Sabbath School conducted by one of the members of the Zion Church, a few miles from Clarksville, numbering 50 scholars and 8 teachers.

We believe that Sabbath Schools are no part of the church of Christ—not the right arm of the church, nor any part of the church. Yet we believe they are important in many respects. While we do not believe that they have any power within themselves to make one a christian, yet they have importance of another kind and should not be neglected. It would be a good thing if every member of our churches was a teacher, or probably a majority of them should be scholars.

Likewise, the children of our people would all be very much benefitted by being in good Sabbath Schools. In this sense we should like to see Sabbath Schools in all our meeting houses.

JOHN H. HYMAN.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to report that our body regret that they have been able to do no more during the past year, in suppressing this evil. Yet, while we deplore its prevalense, and even its growth, beyond the pale of the church of Christ, we still rejoice to know that it finds few votaries, and receives little countenance, in Christ's Body.

It is believed, that, among the calamities entailed by the late war, may be numbered that of a rapid advance in the immoderate use of intoxicating drinks. And as the inebriate is regarded to be beyond the reach of the gospel's call, we are more loudly called on to stretch out our hands in every place to draw our race away from this dark pit. All means must be consulted, and all methods tried, which promise the least success.

And we must recollect, that, if we would "pull others out of the fire," our own clothes must not be burning; if we would help others to be temperate we, ourselves must "be temperate in all things." Therefore,

Resolved, That we look upon intemperance as Satan's main gateway to the camp of Christ's army.

Resolved, That every brother and sister feels called upon to study all prudent means of affording some aid in diminishing and suppressing this sly and mischievous enemy to God and men.

Respectfully submitted,

M. BENNETT.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee deeply regret that the limited facilities of information in the country prevent it from presenting you with that information which might otherwise conduce to your greater interest in the welfare of Foreign Missions.

Yet the work is the same, the claims upon your interests and your means are the same, the end to be accomplished is the same, the Lord who presides over and directs the enterprise is the same as formerly. The importance of this work, and the accompanying presence and blessings of God, none in this day can deny. The ragings of the past unhappy war, cut us off almost entirely from any participation in the work. The great interests of Southern Baptists in the success of their missions in Foreign Lands, has been allowed scarcely any visible outlet. The work has thus been of necessity, in some degree, forced to languish and pine. In the meantime, some of our loved brethren in Foreign lands, have fallen martyrs to the cause; others are compelled on account of enfeebled health, to return to their mother home. Those who have remained have been forced to resort, in part, to secular pursuits to obtain the means of living. We have, too, been unable to reinforce the ranks with those who had hitherto expressed a willingness to go.

Yet, amid all, we have cause to be thankful to God that the enterprise has been sustained, that it still goes on, that souls have been converted to Christ, clearly demonstrating it to be the *Lord's work.*

During the war, our brethren in Maryland, assisted in some degree by those in Kentucky, did what was mostly done for the work. The rest of us, amid all our disadvantages, were able to send small amounts to them. Yet all that was given was too small to keep even its reduced machinery in operation. Since the close of the war, our Board in Richmond has addressed itself nobly to *their* work. Renewed efforts are being made in these sections where the circulating currency is now generally diffused. The call has been responded to; yet not sufficiently for the necessities of the case. They desire, and very properly, too, to place the enterprise on its former position. For this purpose they now appeal loudly to all the former friends of the cause. They do not expect them to do as much as formerly, but what they can, and in proportion to what the Lord has given them. Shall we respond to the call? or shall we after long years of toil and sacrifice upon its altar of many of God's faithful children, abandon the cause and acknowledge it to be a failure? Let this not be said to our shame. Let those give who can. Let all pray for the blessings of God upon their success.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. DEANS.

REPORT ON ARMY COLPORTAGE.

The Committee on Army Colportage would report that from 1st Nov. 1864, until the occupation of Raleigh by the U. S. forces, the Board continued to receive and disburse large amounts, contributed from all sections of the State. They had on hand at the time of the surrender, several thousand dollars in Confederate money, which of course became worthless. At this time there are no funds in the treasury, save a small contribution in specie and jewelry contributed in Chowan Association. There is also some printing paper on hand.

As soon as the situation of affairs will permit it is contemplated to establish a system of State Colportage, so greatly needed.

The receipts of the board for the year ending 1st November 1864, were, $54,253,54. During the year it has sent out 36 Missionaries and Chaplains, has given away 25,000 Bibles and Testaments, 17,000 hymn books, several thousand copies of *Biblical Recorder*, and many hundred thousand pages of tracts, and the salaries of every N. C. Baptist Chaplain have been supplemented. The good accomplished by the effects of the Board will only be fully known in eternity. While our lands have been devastated, our houses burned, our fields whitened by the bleached bones of thousands of those near and dear to us, we can thank God that the reflex influences of the labors of the Board, exerted on the churches, are of the most delightful character. Our soldiers who entered our armies reckless and profane, are returned, many of them, rejoicing in hope and a blessing to the churches.

To God be all the glory.

S. J. WHEELER, Chairman.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Resolved, That as we hear that the publication of the *Biblical Recorder* is to be resumed, we recommend every Baptist in the State to subscribe to it, and to pray for its editor.

N. B. COBB.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

To Preach Introductory Sermon, Elder Gold.
Denominational Sermon, Elder Bennett.
Missionary Sermon, Elder Spivey.
To write Reports on Foreign Missions, C. J. Nelson.
Home Missions, T. Whitfield.
Temperance, Albritton.
Sabbath Schools, J. T. Lawrence.
Colportage, B. W. Spilman.

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HELD WITH

Conoconary Church, Halifax Co., N. C.

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PROCEEDINGS.

CONOCONARY CHURCH, HALIFAX CO., N. C.,
Friday, Sept. 13th, 1867.

The Association met and was opened with praise and prayer, by the Moderator.

On motion, Letters from the churches were called for and read by brother J. H. Hyman.

On motion, Elder W. R. Owen was elected Moderator, and E. P. Powell, Clerk.

On motion, an invitation was extended to visiting brethren. Elder J. B. Solomon and brethren J. A. Edgerton and G. W. Powell of the Tar River Association, and Elders Mitchell, Boon, Fleetwood and brother Delk, of the Chowan, and Elder Walters, of the Central Association.

On motion, the Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith were read by the Clerk.

The following committees were next announced by the Moderator:

Order of Business, brethren Walters, J. R. Pope and G. W. Powell.

Finance, brethren Solomon and Hyman.

Nominations, brethren Gold, E. P. Powell and Congleton.

Time and Place for the next Meeting, brethren Battle and Godwin.

Letters, brethren Bennett and Edgerton.

Religious Exercises during the Session, the Pastor and deacons of this church.

Sabbath Schools, brethren Gold and Lawrence.

Foreign Missions, brethren Bennett, Congleton and Godwin.

State Missions, brethren Wallace, Boon and Solomon.

On motion, the sermon preached on yesterday, by Elder Walters, was considered as the Introductory.

The report on Order of Business was read and adopted.

The committees appointed to-day were requested to report during the present session.

On motion, it was agreed that brethren Solomon and Delk have the privilege of presenting the claims of the Schools with which they are connected.

On motion, adjourned to afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met and was called to order by the Moderator.

On motion, corresponding delegates to sister Associations were called on to report. Elder Bennett stated that he attended the Tar River Association and was cordially received by the brethren. Other brethren appointed as corresponding delegates, reported that they failed to attend.

On motion the following brethren were appointed corresponding delegates to the approaching Associations with which we correspond: Tar River, brethren Gold and Powell; Chowan, brethren Wallace and Lawrence; Eastern, brethren Bennett and Pope; Portsmouth, Hardwick and Nelson; Central, B. W. Spilman and Babb.

On motion, it was agreed to offer Elder Walters an opportunity to present the claims of the Biblical Recorder before the Association, which he did, urging the great necessity for Baptists to rally to its support. Brother Bobertson of Va., and brother Edgerton each followed him with remarks.

The report on Nominations was next read and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

The Committee on Nominations report the following appointments:

The Introductory Sermon, Elders C. J. Nelson; Denominational Sermon, Elder M. Bennett; Missionary Sermon, S. S. Wallace.

P. D. GOLD,
E. P. POWELL, } Committee.
JOHN R. CONGLETON.

Also the report on Education, after remarks by brethren Solomon, Walters and Wallace, was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The committee on Education report:

A number of public schools is in our country worthy of patronage. The Wake Forest College is specially under the patronage of the Baptists. About eight beneficiaries are attending its sessions with gratifying results. About twenty young men, feeling called to preach the Gospel, are now prosecuting their studies. These beneficiaries are dependent alone upon the contributions of friends for their support. Some churches are nobly supporting some of these men. Other applicants for education are rejected for the want of funds. Care is used in applying the funds by those to whom the money for the support of these students is interested and when one is proven unworthy of support, is withheld from him.

You see from these and similar statements that this college furnishes an opportunity for contribution for educating such persons as feel desirous of improvement and yet are without means.

In general, it is important to educate the masses, and whoever contributes to aid in this matter accomplishes some good to the public.

P. D. GOLD,
G. W. POWELL, } Committee.
J. S. BATTLE.

The following resolution by Elder Wallace was, on motion, adopted.

Resolved, That each pastor be most earnestly and affectionately requested to make a special effort in behalf of the cause of Education in all their churches, in November next; and further, that they use their efforts to have regular monthly systematic contributions taken up in their churches for our benevolent operations.

On motion, adjourned till to-morrow 10 o'clock, A. M. Prayer by Elder Mitchell.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Association met and was opened with prayer by Elder Wallace. The roll was called and the minutes of yesterday read.

On motion, an invitation to visiting brethren was again extended and responded to by brother Johnston.

The following resolution by Elder Mitchell was offered and after remarks by Elders Solomon, Johnston, Walters and brethren Edgerton and Robertson, pending the discussion, it was agreed to suspend the business of the Association for the purpose of securing subscribers to the RECORDER. The following resolutions were then adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PERIODICALS.

Resolved 1st, That we deeply regret the circumstances which compelled Rev. J. D. Hufham to retire from the editorial care of the BIBLICAL RECORDER, a position which he has filled for a number of years with great acceptance to the Baptist denomination of this State.

Resolved 2nd, That under the editorial care of Rev. W. T. Walters and

J. H. Mills with Dr. W. M. Wingate, Associate Editor, we confidently, expect that the Biblical Recorder will be an organ in every respect worthy of our denomination, and adapted to the wants of our people, and we do heartily commend it to their prayers and liberal patronage.

The committee to select time and place for the next Association, reported, when it was moved and agreed that the Moderator and Clerk be a committee to select at some future time the place for our next session.

The report on State Missions was read, and after remarks by brethren Solomon, Walters, Spilman and Wallace, it was moved and agreed that the report be recommitted and thereby give the committee more time to make it more explicit.

The report on Sunday Schools was then presented and after remarks was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The committee on Sunday Schools report:

The opinions held generally by our denomination on Sunday Schools and kindred subjects are not warmly cherished by one of your committee.

The denomination generally regards them as furnishing fine ground for the conversion of the young, and as a nursery of the church. We should be careful as parents, to not let all our efforts at religious instruction be spent in the Sunday School. Parents are to train up their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord. It is one thing to teach them an hour on Sunday morning and it is quite another thing to set a godly example before them all the week—at home. We should be careful to set the truth before the young at all times. So far as the Sabbath School enables us to do this, let it be observed. There is in this region a sad and painful neglect of parents in this matter of training up their children in the nurtue and admonition of the Lord.

The churches of this Association do not all report schools. At Goldsboro', Weldon, Tarboro, Greenville and Scotland Neck they exist and some of them are flourishing. We would recommend the faithful teaching of the truth to them all, that the children are poor helpless sinners, and that Jesus is the way and the truth and the life.

It is found difficult to keep up Sabbath Schools regularly in churches in the country.

P. D. Gold, and others.

The report on Letters was next read, and after remarks by Elders Bennett, Gold and Solomon, was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LETTERS.

Your committee on Letters beg leave to report:

That from the few Letters received they find some favorable indications. Peace prevails; spirituality is growing; some additions are made by members; pastorates before vacant are filled; and Sabbath Schools are receiving more attention.

We would suggest that churches would be more particular in giving in their annual letters, sketches or allusions to any interesting historical incidents, and especially state what may be the strength of their union and fellowship; the degree of godliness and piety at home; whether watchful and prayerful; humble and meek, true, sincere, friendly, just, honest, punctual; whether their aged members are blessed examples to the young, and whether the young give good evidence of their love to our precious Saviour.

We would also suggest that the letters clearly indicate the value which the churches have for the truth of the Gospel, and that they cannot feel satisfied nor rest unless their pastor continues in sound speech that cannot be gainsayed, and in the full expression of the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and breaking of bread and prayers.

And in order to promote the harmony of the churches, and to strengthen the bonds of fellowship; and in order to the better understanding of the "faith and order" of the churches of this body,

Resolved, That we agree to send in our letters for 1868, the Articles of Faith as held at that time by each of our churches.

Resolved, That in secret prayer, we give our hearts to God through Christ, that he would enable us to feel in heart, and exhibit in life, more manifestly the religion of our gracious Redeemer. Submitted,

M. BENNETT, CHAIRMAN.

On motion agreed to have recess an hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met and was called to order by the Moderator.

Committee of Finance reported twenty-one dollars sent up by the churches for defraying the printing of minutes.

Report on Foreign Missions read, and after remarks by Elders Solomon, Gold, Bennett and Walters, was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions ask leave to report that, they learn, through brother Jas. B. Taylor, that our missionaries in Foreign lands are in such pressing want, that they must either abandon their missions and return home or else resort to secular employment for their bread.

If you have anything to give, "make haste, and give, while your gift can be enjoyed." We need waste no words on this subject; and you need not waste any more wishes. If you know how you can serve the cause, go about it. Help must be extended to them at once, or we must let the missions drop.

We do not stop at these delegates. Your churches are the places to exert yourselves at. If you give a little, try to obtain much from them. Resolutions are worth nothing here. Obtain life resolves, resolves in fact, in actual gifts, and do it soon. Submitted,

M. BENNETT, CHAIRMAN,

Moved and agreed that the Clerk have as many of these minutes published as the funds will afford.

Resolution of thanks by Elder Gold.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are expressed to the Conoconary church and community for the kind entertainment they have given to us and the visitors present.

After prayer by Elder W. T. Walters, the Association adjourned subject to the call of the Moderator.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES' NAMES.	Baptized.	Re'd by letter.	Restored.	Dis. by letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Whites.	Colored.	Total.	Ass'n. Fund.
Conoconary,	Blount Spear, J. R. Rope, Adam Cochran.				4		1	50	60	110	$ 3 00
Zion,	J. H. Hyman, P. A. Gold, J. T. Lawrence,	1		1	1	1	1	66		66	5 00
Greenville,	S. S. Wallace, W. A. Cherry, J. R. Congleton,	4	3		31			76	1	77	5 00
Roanoke,	B. W. Spilman, John Winfree.							45	23	68	2 00
Hancocks,	**Not Represented.* Report by Letter.										2 00
Hall,	" " " " "										1 00
Tarboro',	" " " " "							13	1	14	3 00
Albemarle,	" " " " "							43	6	49	
Bear Creek,	" " " " "										
Ellis,	" " " " "										
Goldsboro',	" " " " "							124		124	
Halifax,	" " " " "									23	
Little Creek,	" " " " "										
Snow Hill,	" " " " "										
White Chapel,	" " " " "										
Mount Pleasant,	" " " " "										
Total,		5	3	1	36	1	2	417	91	534	$21 00

*P. S. It is hoped that all of the Churches will represent at the next Association. CLERK.

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PROCEEDINGS.

Greenville, N. C.,
Friday, Sept. 17th, 1869.

The Association met and was opened with prayer and praise, the Moderator leading.

On motion, Church letters were called for and read; when the Assocation organized by the appointment of Elder T. R. Owen, Moderator, and E. P. Powell, Clerk.

Upon an invitation to visiting brethren to take seats with us, the following responded:

Elder Mitchell, of the Chowan Association, who handed in Minutes of his Association, and Brother Jas. Barkley, of the Tar River Association.

The following Committees were next announced by the Moderator:

On Letters:—Bre. Mitchell and J. T. Lawrence.
On Finance:—Clerk and Humphrey.
Religious Exercises:—Pastor and Deacons of this Church.
Order of Business:—Bre. Mitchell, Cherry and Hill.

A petitionary letter from the Church in Washington was handed in and read; and, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Letters.

On motion the Association adjourned to afternoon. Prayer by the Moderator.

AFTERNOON.

Association met and opened with prayer by Moderator.

The following Committees were then announced by the Moderator:

Time and Place for next Association:—Bre. Battle and Powell.

Nominations:—Powell and Cherry.
Sabbath Schools:—Clarke and J. T. Lawrence.
Foreign Missions:—Mitchel and Humphrey.
State Missions:—Nelson and Wallace.
Education:—Wallace and Whitaker.
Periodicals:—Nelson and Battle.

The report of the Committee on the Washington Church was read and adopted, as follows:

Your Committee to whom was referred the letter from the Church in Washington, are satisfied that the Covenant and Articles of Faith of said Church are thoroughly orthodox, and could recommend her reception as a member of this Association.

Respectfully Submitted,
JOHN MITCHEL, } Com.
J. T. LAWRENCE. }

Messengers to sister Associations were appointed as follows:

To Chowan: C. J. Nelson, T. R. Owen. *Portsmouth*, Bre. Powell and Lawrence. *Tar River*, Bre. Battle and Whitaker. *Eastern*, Bre. Wallace and Humphrey.

As delegates to the Baptist State Convention: Owen, Nelson, Delaney, Wallace and Powell.

Elder Nelson handed in his report as Missionary of this Association, which was read, received and laid on the table.

REPORT OF C. J. NELSON AS MISSIONARY FOR THE PAMLICO ASSOCIATION.

I have visited and preached at the following places: Moseley Hall, Snow Hill, Elm Grove, Rountree's, Greenville, Parker's Chapel, Hancock's, Fellow's Chapel, Big Swift Creek, Bay River, Cabin Branch, Washington, Cedar Branch, Plymouth, Mt. Pleasant, Albemarle, Soundside. On my return I preached at Plymouth and thence to Washington on Friday before the 5th Lord's day in May, At which time and place we held our Union Meeting. Eleven of the former members of the Church called the following council : John Mitchel, G. W. Sanderlin, W. H. Freeman, Elder Barber and myself, and asked to be recognized as a Church. After examining their Church Covenant, Articles of Faith, &c. we proceeded to organize them as a regular Baptist Church of Christ. Since that time I have been preaching for them the first Sabbath in each month. Since the 1st of April last I have travelled 1,342 miles, visited 150 families, prayed with 100 families, preached 48 sermons, held 20 prayer meetings, distributed 100 volumes of religious reading, four packages of tracts and 100 copies of Biblical Recorder.

I have baptized 5, received by letter 1, received by restoration 2, by adoption 3.

I have received the following sums towards my support:

Collection at Association,.......	$ 4.25
Received from Church at Moseley Hall,..........	6.56
" " " Goldsboro,............	4.05
" " " Greenville,............	5.25
" " " Hancock's,.....	4.60
" " " Plymouth,.............	8.85
" " " Mt. Pleasant,..........	4.85
" " " Albemarle,............	5.00
" " " Soundside,............	2.75
Total,................................	$46.16

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. J. NELSON.

On motion, a Committee was appointed to appeal to the brethren of the Chowan Association to aid us in means and Ministers. Committee : Bre. Nelson, Cherry and Wallace.

The Committee on Time and Place for the next session of this body, reported Thursday before the third Sabbath in September, 1870, as the time, and the Church in Tarboro' as the place.

The report on nominations was read and adopted, as follows :

NOMINATIONS.

Introductory,—Elder G. W. Sanderlin. Denominational,—Elder P. D. Gold. Missions,—M. Bennett.

On motion, adjourned ; Prayer by Bro. Lawrence.

Saturday Morning, Sept. 18th.

The Association met and opened with prayer by Bro. Wallace.

Roll called and minutes of yesterday read.

Report on Periodicals read, and after remarks by Elders Mitchel and Nelson, was adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

It is generally conceded that a well conducted, religious periodical is an efficient instrumentality for disseminating the truth and exciting christians to greater activity in the Master's service.

In our State organ, the Biblical Recorder, we recognize such a paper, and the low price at which it is now offered to clubs of ten or more, places it within the reach of a large number of our brethren who do not, at present, read it. The difficulty is that so many remain ignorant of its merits and indifferent to its claims. Let then every subscriber obtain one more, or let every pastor or some lay member raise a club of ten or more in each of our Churches, and the increased labor in the vineyard of the Lord, brought about by reading the paper, will amply repay for all the trouble.

We also recommend the Home and Foreign Journal, published at Richmond, containing monthly accounts of the labor of our beloved ministers, who have denied themselves the dearest pleasures of earth, to work for Christ, and the claims of the gospel upon us in that direction.

We also recommend the Sunday School Banner, and Child's Delight, and Young Reaper, published in Philadelphia. All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. J. NELSON, }
J. L. BATTLE. } Com.

Report on Education read, and after remarks by Elders Wallace, Mitchel and Nelson, was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education report, that no subject surpasses this in immediate importance. It is the means by which we may be enabled to understand the mysteries of good books, and to have clearer conceptions of truth, thus removing one of its great obstacles to the truth, viz: Superstition.

The political changes in our country, demand that we educate the rising generation. Mormonism is making an effort to control the country. We must prepare to meet the issues, and to defend, in scholarly manner, our principles against all who may assail them.

On that order we may be successful. We must educate; and we recommend that Wake Forest College receive the patronage of all Baptists, if we would have the young men of our day to become Baptistic. Among the Female Schools, we recommend that the Chowan Female Baptist College be supported by the patronage of Baptists. Let our motto be Educate; our watch-word be higher.

Bro. Mathew Albritton, from Eastern Association being present, was invited to sit with us.

Report on Sabbath Schools was read, and after remarks by various brethren, adopted.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report as follows, viz:

There is no field that presents so broad a scope for Christian labor and enterprise, as the Sabbath School.

Impressions made in childhood, can never be entirely obliterated by time. And again the youthful mind is easier to be impressed by the "Glorious truth of God's divine Word," than the minds of those older, who have become hardened by contact with the world.

These we deem reasons sufficient why all should work without tiring in the interest of the Sabbath School.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF SABBATH SCHOOLS AS REPORTED TO THIS ASSOCIATION BY LETTER.

	SUPERINTENDENT.	TEACHERS.	SCHOLARS.
Tarboro',..........	1	7	25
Goldsboro', ...	1	26	130
Near Goldsboro',...	1	9	80
Greenville,...	1	10	50
Washington,.......	1		30
Aggregate,.......	5	52	315

Respectfully Submitted,

JAMES E. CLARK, }
JOHN T. LAWRENCE. } Com.

Report on Finance Committee read and laid on the table.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following :

Amount in treasury,.....	$ 0,00
Present contribution from Greenville Church,...	5.00
" " " Hancock's "	2.00
" " " Zion, "	3.00
" " " Tarboro, "	3.00
" " " Conoconary, "	3.00
" " " Goldsboro, "	3.55
" " " Washington, "	2.00
Making a total for publication of minutes,	$21.55
Received from Tarboro Church $2 each for Home Mission, Foreign Missions, Sabbath School and Education,	8.00
Total amount received,	$29.55

We would respectfully beg leave to suggest to this Association that there be placed in the hands of the treasurer a sum sufficient for defraying the expenses of this Association should the different churches composing it fail to make their annual contributions.

We notice in the minutes of the Chowan Association for 1869, that they have in their treasury $130.06, and during the year there was added to this fund $11.10 over expenses, making a total of $141.16 in the Treasury.

This, we think, is evidence conclusive of their thriving condition.

We regret to have to report nothing in our treasury and present contributions barely sufficient to publish the Minutes of the Association.

We beg of you to give this very important matter your earliest and most earnest consideration.

Respectfully submitted by
JAMES E. CLARK, } Com.
A. H. HUMPHREY, }

On motion adjourned to afternoon.

Prayer by Elder Nelson.

AFTERNOON.

Association met and opened with prayer by Brother Powell.

Report on Letters was read and adopted.

REPORT ON LETTERS.

Your Committee on letters beg leave to report : That only seven churches have reported by letter to this Association. They would earnestly recommend that all the churches report by letter and delegates to the next meeting of this Association to be held with the church in Tarboro', and that the ministers and delegates be present at the opening of the session. From the letters received they are gratified to be able to report that peace and harmony prevail, that small additions have been made to the churches, and the most of them report interesting Sabbath Schools.

Respectfully submitted,
J. MITCHELL, Ch. Com.

Elder R. S. Prichard, Agent for Sabbath School Association of North Carolina, appearing, was invited to a seat with us.

Report on Foreign Missions read and adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Foreign Missions would respectfully submit the following :

Resolved, That the Association, in view of the pressing demand for funds to sustain our missionaries in the foreign field, recommend to the pastors of the churches within her bounds to take up a collection in their churches as soon as practicable for this important object, and transmit the amounts collected to the Rev. J. B. Taylor, Richmond, Va.

Submitted,
J. MITCHELL, Chm.

On motion brethren Nelson, Humphy, Sanderlin, were appointed a Committee on the Constitution of this Association, to report at the next session.

Report on State Missions read, and after remarks, was adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Home Missions submit the following:

Your Committee regret that in view of the importance of the subject of Home Missions, that the time allotted is not sufficient for us to do justice to the subject and therefore can only say that we believe that from a proper cultivation of the field of destitution in our bounds, we shall be better able to do more for all the other interest of the Association, but the question arises, what is the best plan for the cultivation of the field in our own bounds? Your Committee would recommend the former plan of the Association; the employment of an itinerant or itinerants, but not to ride over the whole bounds of the Association, but where they find destitution, there set their stakes and go to work, build up a Church or Churches, and not leave them until they are able to live of themselves. Your Committee believe that there are but few destitute sections that would not, in a short time, become self sustaining, and perhaps do something to promote the Redeemer's cause in other portions. There is perhaps more destitution within our bounds than exists in all our State; besides there is not a single county within our Association that is at present occupied at a greater rate than one out of seven-eighths by our Church. In one county, (Hyde), we have no church at all. There is within our bounds the largest portion of thirteen counties. In view of the foregoing facts, we would humbly urge all our Churches to send us more laborers, and give us all a greater disposition to support them.

All of which is Respectfully Submitted,

C. J. NELSON,
S. S. WALLACE. } Com.

The same Executive Committee was appointed for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due and that they be respectfully tendered to the citizens of Greenville for their hospitality to us during our session.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet again with the Church in Tarboro on Thursday before the third Sabbath in September, 1870.

Prayer by Elder Mitchell.

T. R. OWEN, Mod.

E. P. POWELL, Clerk.

LIST OF PLEDGES FOR THE SUPPORT OF ITINERANTS IN OUR ASSOCIATION FOR THIS YEAR.

J. M. Hines,	$ 5 00
C. Wooten,	20 00
J. W. Isler,	2 50
D. A. Murphy,	3 00
C. W. Bizzell,	1 00
Wm. Pelletier,	1 00
	$32 50
Amount of cash contributed at the Association,	$86 18

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES' NAMES.	Baptized.	Re. by Let.	Dis. by let.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Whites.	Colored.	Total.	Min. Fund.
Albemarle,	Not represented,									
Bear Creek,	*C. Wooten, *J. M. Hines, *Council Bizzell,	4							39	$ 4 00
Conoconary,	*Blount Spier, *J. R. Pope, E. P. Powell,	2			1		49		49	3 00
Ellis,	Not represented,									
Greenville,	S. S. Wallace, J. E. Clark, Wm. A. Cherry,		5			1			72	5 00
Goldsboro',	C. J. Nelson, A. H. Humphreys, W. F. Hill,	1	9	4	4	1			154	3 55
Hall,	Not represented,									
Hancocks,	*John E. Cox, *Jerry McGlaughan, *G. B. Ellis,					1	46	20	66	2 00
Halifax,	Not represented,									
Little Creek,	Not represented,									
Mount Pleasant,	Not represented,									
Roanoke,	Not represented,									
Snow Hill,	Not represented,									
Tarboro',	T. R. Owen, J. L. Battle, *J. B. Lipscomb,								18	3 00
White Chapel,	Not represented,									
Washington,	C. J. Nelson, *William Bilbro,								22	2 00
Zion,	J. T. Lawrence, W. P. Whitaker, R. B. Saulsbury,	1	1	1					56	3 00
	*Absent,	8	15	5	5	3	95	20	476	$25 55

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PROCEEDINGS.

TARBORO', N. C.,
Thursday Evening, 7 o'clock, Sep. 15, '70.

Elder T. H. Pritchard, D. D., preached to an attentive audience from Acts XVI, 30, 31.

FRIDAY, Sept. 16th, 1870.
(MORNING.)

The Association met at 10 o'clock and was opened with prayer and praise, the Moderator leading.

On motion, Church letters were called for and read; when the Association was organized by the appointment of Elder T. R. Owen, Moderator, and Richard L. Wooten, Clerk.

Upon an invitation to visiting brethren to take seats with us, the following responded:

Elder John Mitchell and Elder A. McDowell, D. D., (Prest. of Chowan Baptist Female Institute,) of the Chowan Association, and Elder T. H. Pritchard, D. D., of the Central Association, and Prest. of the State Mission Board.

The following Committees were next announced by the Moderator:

On Letters —Nelson, Isler, Camp.

Finance—Battle and Wooten.

Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacon.

Order of Business—Sanderlin, Mitchell aud Williamson.

Time and Place—Nelson and Battle.

Sabbath Schools—Sanderlin and Williamson.
Foreign Missions—McDowell and Freeman.
State Missions—Pritchard and Mitchell.
Education—McDowell and Sanderlin.
Periodicals—Sanderlin and Wooten.
Nominations—Nelson, Whitaker and Camp.

The Missionary Report of Elder C. J. Nelson was submitted, and on motion the discussion of it was deferred until the Report on State Missions come up.

The Committee on Order of Business reported:

Report on Order of Business.

1st, Invitation to Visiting Brethren.
2d, Appointments of Committees—on
  1. Time and Place for Next Session.
  2. Nominations.
  3. Sabbath Schools.
  4. Foreign Missions.
  5. State Missions.
  6. Education.
  7. Periodicals.

3d, Appointment of Messengers to Baptist State Convention and Sister Associations.
4th, Reports of Missionaries.
5th, Reports of Committees.
6th, Resolutions and Motions.
7th, Miscellaneous Business.
8th, Adjournment.

G. W. SANDERLIN,
JNO. MITCHELL,
J. A. WILLIAMSON, } Com.

Adopted.

On motion the Association adjourned to afternoon.

Prayer by Dr. A. McDowell.

(AFTERNOON.)

Association met at 3 o'clock and opened with prayer by Elder J. H. Freeman.

Messengers to sister Associations were appointed as follows:

Chowan: Owen and Camp. *Portsmouth:* Williamson and Freeman. *Tar River:* Battle and Whitaker.

Eastern : Sanderlin and Wooten. *Convention :* Nelson, Sanderlin, Freeman, Wooten and Battle.

The Committee on Time and Place for the next session of this body reported *Thursday before the 4th Sabbath in October*, 1871, as the time, and the Church in *La Grange,* (formerly Bear Creek,) as the place.

The Report on State Missions was read by Elder Pritchard.

Report on State Missions.

The command of Christ, "*Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature,*" is still in force and is binding upon every follower of the Saviour, whether minister or layman. Man's duties lie around him in concentric circles ; the first duty of the christian is to preach the Gospel to his immediate friends and neighbors, for while the glad tidings were to be proclaimed among all nations, this glorious work was to begin at Jerusalem. To the heathen, as far as in us lies, we owe the blessings of the Gospel, but the claims upon our sympathy, and beneficence of those in our midst who are perishing for lack of knowledge, are of paramount importance. The destitution in N. C. is great, and within the limits of our borders, it is absolutely appalling. In many important towns, and many interesting communities in the country, there are no Baptist churches, while in many other places, of both town and country, feeble churches exist which must linger and *die* unless help be extended them from other more favored churches. To build up these weak churches and establish others in regions where none now exist, are the great objects for which District Associations and the Baptist State Convention were organized ; and it is the honest conviction of your committee that there is in our Zion power of means and money sufficient to make these waste places glad, and the wilderness and solitary places blossom as the rose, if our people were thoroughly organized and their resources developed.

The Baptist denomination of N. C. is a giant asleep, and we can but regard it as the important duty of every minister and every private member of our churches to labor and pray for the more efficient organization of our Zion. If every individual member, nay, if every individual church could be brought to recognize and appreciate its duty, the men and means would be provided to ramify the whole State and fill it with the blessed influences of a pure Gospel.

In conclusion, your committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

1st. In view of the lamentable loss of able and efficient ministers in the land, we do earnestly beseech the Churches to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers into his harvest.

2d. That the peculiarly inviting character of our own section, as a missionary field, calls on us to labor more earnestly and to make greater sacrifices for the proclamation of the Gospel at home than we have ever done heretofore.

3d. That we earnestly recommend the Churches to take up quarterly collections for this object, and forward them to Rev. C. J. NELSON, President Executive Board, Goldsboro, N. C.

4th. That we appeal to the Board of State Missions, the Chowan Association, Eastern Association, and our other Associations and Churches which may have the ability, to aid us in our efforts to preach the Gospel within our borders.

After interesting remarks by Elder Pritchard, the Report was laid on the table until to-morrow.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning 9½ o'clock.

Prayer by Elder C. J. Nelson.

At night Elder Pritchard preached from 1 Tim. I, 15. A collection was taken up for State Missions amounting to $28 30.

SATURDAY MORNING, Sept. 17th, 1870.

The Association met at 9½ o'clock and opened with prayer by the Moderator.

Bro. J. R. Pope appeared and took his seat as a delegate from Conoconary.

Also Bro. John James as delegate from Greenville.

A letter was received and read from Elder Mark Bennett.

The Report on Letters was received and adopted.

Report on Letters.

Your Committee on Letters beg leave to report :— That nine Churches out of the twelve belonging to this Association are represented by letters and delegates.

They would earnestly request all the Churches to send delegates to the next Association at La Grange, and be prompt in meeting on the first day. From the letters received they are gratified to be able to report that peace and harmony prevail, that greater additions have been made to the Churches this year than last year, and five of them report interesting Sabbath Schools.

C. J. NELSON,
JNO. W. ISLER, } Com.
J. OSCAR CAMP,

The Report on Foreign Missions was then read by Elder McDowell.

Report on Foreign Missions.

Your Committee have not the facts at command which would enable them to report the number of missionaries now in the foreign field, or the amount contributed for their support; but the missions are all known to be in a healthy condition, and that the Board is desirous to greatly enlarge its operations by reinforcing its present missions and by founding new ones. To enable the Board to do this, largely increased contributions are imperatively demanded; and your Committee are persuaded that this *can* be easily done by the adoption of a systematic plan of contributing.

They therefore recommend—

1st. That the Pastors and Missionaries exert themselves to circulate among their Churches and congregation the "Home and Foreign Journal", a monthly sheet published at Richmond, Va., by the Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, at 50 cents a year.

2nd. That they appoint a monthly meeting to be held at each of their churches for the purpose of contributing to and praying for the success of missions.

3rd. That the contributions thus made, be transmitted quarterly to Rev. James B. Taylor, Cor. Secretary, Richmond, Va., and the amounts reported to this body at each annual session.

Respectfully submitted,

A. McDOWELL. } Com.
J. H. FREEMAN,

After remarks by Elders McDowell, Mitchell, Sanderlin and Nelson, the Report was adopted.

Report on Education was read, and after remarks by Elders McDowell, Mitchell and Sanderlin, adopted.

Report on Education.

Education in its widest sense embraces all acquired knowledge, by whatever means obtained or from whatever source derived. The amount possessed by different individuals mainly distinguishes the mind of the man from the child ; the refined from the rude ; the civilized from the savage.

Some amount of it is necessary to enable us to perform the commonest offices of life, and the more we possess of it, other things being equal, the better are we fitted to enjoy the blessings of Providence and to discharge the duties imposed upon us.

Recognizing this fact, our people have provided schools and furnished them with all necessary facilities for assisting our sons and our daughters in the acquisition of useful knowledge. Such a school we have, for our sons at Wake Forest and for our daughters at Murfreesboro. Our brethren have recently commenced a school for young ladies at Raleigh also, which we doubt not they will make eminently worthy of confidence and patronage. Brother and Sister Owen also still continue their excellent and well known school in Tarboro, which with those before mentioned, we cordially commend to the patronage of our brethren.

But the department of education, which especially claims the attention of this body, is that of ministerial education, or the education of young men called of God and licensed by their Churches to preach the Gospel. Ten or a dozen such young men are now prosecuting their studies at Wake Forest College.—The College gives them their tuition, but they are dependent on the contributions of their brethren for the means of paying their board.

Your Committee recommend that quarterly contributions be made to this object by all our Churches, and the amount forwarded to Rev. W. T. Brooks, Forestville, N. C.

Respectfully submitted,

A. McDOWELL, }
G. W. SANDERLIN, } Com.

Elder Sanderlin read the

Report on Sabbath Schools.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools respectfully submit the following Report :

The great importance of Sabbath Schools will readily be admitted by all who have given the subject a candid, careful consideration. Any agency so much calculated to promote the spiritual welfare of the young, and cause them to be brought up "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord", can scarcely be overestimated. Yet, while many endorse the Sabbath School cause *in theory*, we regret that there is a sad lack on their part of *practical* endorsement in "showing forth their faith *by their works*." Of the nine churches reporting to us by letter, four are entirely without Sabbath schools. These things ought not so to be, and we would respectfully urge upon all our churches the importance of establishing such schools and laboring faithfully and prayerfully for the conversion of the children. The following is a

STATISTICAL REPORT OF SABBATH SCHOOLS AS REPORTED TO THIS ASSOCIATION BY LETTER :

	Superintendent.	*Teachers.*	*Scholars.*	*Total.*
Tarboro,	1	4	20	25
Conoconary,	(None.)			
Zion,	(None.)			
Goldsboro,	1	20	114	135
Greenville, Sabbath School but no statistics given.				
Temperance Hall,	(None.)			
Snow Hill,	(None.)			
La Grange, Sabbath School but no statistics given.				
Washington,				65

G. W. SANDERLIN, }
J. A. WILLIAMSON, } Com.

After remarks by various brethren, the Report was adopted.

On motion, the Assoctation adjourned. Prayer by Elder Sanderlin.

(AFTERNOON.)

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder McDowell.

Elder Nelson submitted the

Report on Nominations.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON,........................Rev. T. R. Owen.
DENOMINATIONAL,............................Rev. S. S. Wallace.
MISSIONARY,..............................Rev. G. W. Sanderlin.

COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT THE NEXT SESSION OF THE ASSOCIATION :
ON HOME MISSIONS,.....G. W. Sanderlin, R. L. Wooten, Jno. Isler.
EDUCATION,............T. R. Owen, J. A. Williamson, J. L. Battle.

FOREIGN MISSIONS,	S. S. Wallace, J. E. Clark, Jno. James.
PERIODICALS,	J. H. Freeman, Jno. E. Cox, Jerry McGlaughan.
SABBATH SCHOOLS,	C. J. Nelson, Wm. Taylor, J. J. Robinson.

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. NELSON,
WM. P. WHITAKER, } Com.
J. O. CAMP,

Report adopted.

The Report on State Missions was again taken up Elder Nelson's Report as Missionary was again read

Report of C. J. Nelson as Missionary for the Pamlico Association.

DEAR BRETHREN :

Since our last meeting, I have visited and preached at the following places :—Bay River, Goose Creek, Little Swift Creek, Big Swift Creek, Cabin Branch, Moseley Hall, Parker's Chapel, Nahunta, Pikeville, Stantonsburg, Clarksville, Halifax, Conoconary, Temperance Hall, Union, Stoney Creek.

I have travelled 883 miles, sermons preached 42, prayer meetings attended 18, families visited 95, families prayed with 52.

I have assisted in the organization of two churches, one at Goose Creek and one at Union. I have labored 81 days.

We think some attention ought to be given the church at Halifax, as its property is suffering for the want of proper attention. It has *not one* male member residing in the county.

It is not necessary that I should in this report call the attention of the Association to the destitution existing within its bounds—*it is already too well known.*

I received at the last Association		$86 18	
Labor for 81 days at $1 per day,	$81 00		
Hotel bill at Halifax,	1 25		
	$82 25		
In my hand subject to your order,			$3 93
In the hands of Rev. G. W. Sanderlin subject to order,			5 91
			$9 84

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. NELSON.

NOTE.

The following is a list of pledges for the support of Itinerants in our Association for the year just ended, which pledges are collectable :

J. M. Hines,	$ 5 00
C. Wooten,	20 00
J. W. Isler,	2 50
D. A. Murphrey,	3 00
C. W. Bizzell.	1 00
Wm. Pelletier,	1 00
	$32 50

Also a Report from Elder J. H. Freeman, as missionary, was read.

Up to this time, I have labored at the following points : Hancock's, Gum Swamp and Parker's Chapel.

At Hancock's we have had a protracted meeting.—The church was greatly revived, and I hope good may grow out of the meeting. Two were received by baptism. At Parker's Chapel we had a meeting of a few days. The church seemed to be revived, and the congregation interested. There is reason to hope that this may grow up a healthy church. The other two points, Williams' Meeting House and Gum Swamp, are places where there is no regular Baptist preaching. The congregations at these points were large and attentive. I hope we may soon build up churches at both these places.

There are other points to which I have been invited to preach, but have not yet been able to reach them. Help is greatly needed. The field is truly white to the harvest, but the laborers are few. Who will come over and help us ? The field is open to us, let us go up and possess the land.

J. H. FREEMAN, Chairman.

On motion, after remarks by Elder Nelson, all these Reports were adopted.

Elder Sanderlin submitted the

Report on Periodicals.

Your committee on this important subject are fully convinced that it is one which is not appreciated as it should be. A well-conducted religious periodical is, as has been said, an efficient instrumentality for disseminating the truth and exciting christians to greater activity in the Master's service.

In the "Biblical Recorder," our State organ, we have such a paper, and our great regret is that it is not invited into every Baptist family in North Carolina. The manner of invitation is a very simple one, (see rates of subscription published in the Recorder,) and we hope that such invitations will be extended by every Baptist family within the bounds of this Association. Nor would we confine it alone to Baptists, for we think that there are others who might be even more benefitted by it than they. We would make the same recommendations therefore as were made by your committee last year. Let every subscriber obtain one more, or let every pastor or some lay member raise a club of ten or more in each of our churches, and the increased labor in the vineyard of the Lord, brought about by reading the paper, will amply repay for all the trouble.

We think it also of great importance that our brethren should subscribe to the " Home and Foreign Journal," published at Richmond, Va. We need a greater missionary spirit, and this little journal will contribute largely to that end.

We also recommend the " Baptist Teacher," published in Philadelphia, and especially our admirable little Sabbath School paper, "*Kind Words*," published in Memphis, Rev. Thos. C. Teasdale, D. D., Editor.

G. W. SANDERLIN, } Com.
R. L. WOOTEN, }

After remarks by Elds. Sanderlin, McDowell, Mitchell and Nelson, the Report was adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Elder Sanderlin.

Resolved, That our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to the Union Meetings of the Chowan Association for their hearty and prompt response to the appeal addressed to them by this Association to help us "in men and means" in promoting the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom within our bounds.

Unanimously adopted, with the request that Elders McDowell and Mitchell make known to those Union Meetings the substance of the Resolution.

The following Resolution was also offered by Elder Sanderlin and unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to our brethren and friends in Tarboro', for their kind and generous hospitality toward us. Also to Rev. Dr. MORAN for courtesies extended, and to the various Rail-roads for special favors granted.

The Clerk having been called home before the close of the Association, on motion Elder C. J. Nelson was requested to prepare the Minutes of the Association for publication.

On motion, the same Executive Committee, consisting of Elders Nelson and Sanderlin, and Bro. J. H. Privett, was re-appointed for the ensuing year.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet again with the church in La Grange on Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in October, 1871.

Prayer by Elder Owen.

T. R. OWEN, *Moderator.*

C. J. NELSON, *Clerk.*

On Saturday night Elder G. W. Sanderlin preached from I. Saml' I : 30. On Sabbath morning Elder McDowell preached from Ecclesiastes XI : 1—6. At night Elder Mitchell preached from Galations IV : 4, 5. Thus closed an interesting and we trust, profitable session of the Pamlico Association.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES' NAMES.	Baptised.	Re. by Let.	Dis. by Let.	Excluded.	Deceased.	White.	Colored.	Total.	Min. Fund,	PASTORS and their Post Offices.	CLERKS and their Post Offices.
Albemarle,	Not represented, ...										Samuel Alexander, Scuppernong.	
Conoconary,	J. R. Pope. E. P. Powell,*			1	1				45	$ 3 00	T. R. Owen, Tarboro.	E. P. Powell, Enfield.
Greenville,	Jos. H. Freeman, John G. James, ...		4	2		3			71	3 00	T. R. Owen.	L. W. Lawrence, Greenville.
Goldsboro,	C. J. Nelson, G. W. Sanderlin, ...	2	3	5					154	3 00	G. W. Sanderlin. Goldsboro.	J. J. Robinson, Goldsboro.
Hall,	Thomas Oakley,* L. Hagan, ...	7							21	1 00		Thos. Wilcox, Joyner's Depot.
Hancock's.	J. H. Freeman, ...								66		J. H. Freeman, Greenville.	John C. Cox, Greenville.
Halifax,	Not represented, ...											
La-Grange,	James M. Hines,* John W Isler, R. L. Wooten,	4							53	4 00	Jesse Howell, Morrisville.	R. L. Wooten, La-Grange.
Snow Hill,	J. Potter,* William R. Croom, ...								16	1 00	C. J. Nelson, Goldsboro.	Wm. R. Croom, Snow Hill.
Tarboro,	T. R. Owen, J. L. Battle, Jesse Williamson, ..								18	3 00	T. R. Owen.	J. A. Williamson, Tarboro.
Washington,	William L. Bilbro,* L. J. Wise,* C. J. Nelson,	5	4			1			31	2 00	C. J. Nelson.	G. W. Rhodes, Washington.
Zion,	W. H. Bishop,* J. C. Camp, W. P. Whitaker,				1				51	5 00		Jno. T. Lawrence, Scotland Neck.
	Absent,*											
		18	11	8	2	4			536	$25 00		

MINUTES

OF THE

PAMLICO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

LA GRANGE, Lenoir County, N. C.

October 12--15, 1871.

NEWBERN, N. C.:
N. S. RICHARDSON, PRACTICAL BOOK, CARD, AND JOB PRINTER.
1871.

PROCEEDINGS.

La Grange, N. C.,
Thursday, Oct. 12, 1871.

At the appointed time and place, the delegates from several churches met, and the Moderator, Elder T. R. Owen being absent, Elder C. J. Nelson was called to the chair, and Bro. R. L. Wooten, Clerk.

The list of churches was called and it was ascertained that there was not a sufficient number of Delegates present to transact business; it was moved to adjourn till to-morrow at 10 1-2 o'clock.

Elder C. Durham preached at night.

Friday, Oct. 13, 1871.

Elder C. J. Nelson was detained by sickness, and Bro. C. Wooten was called to the chair. Prayer by Elder J. H. Freeman.

List of churches was called, only four churches represented.

It was moved to adjourn till 3 o'clock. Elder J. H. Freeman preached at 11 o'clock to an attentive audience.

(AFTERNOON.)

Before the hour of adjournment arrived, a social meeting was held, when several interesting addresses were made, and several prayers offered.

The hour of adjournment put an end to this pleasant meeting, and the chairman called the meeting to order. It was moved that we adjourn till 10 o'clock to-morrow.

Elder C. Durham preached an interesting sermon, at night.

Saturday Morning, Oct. 14, 1871.

The Association met at 10 o'clock, and opened with prayer by S. S. Biddle. C. J. Nelson in the chair.

The list of churches again called for, and six churches answered by their Delegates.

A motion was made to proceed to the permanent organization of the Association.

On motion the letters of the churches were called for and read; when the Association was organized by the appointment of Elder C. J. Nelson, Moderator, and Elder A. D. Cohen, Clerk.

It was moved that Elder S. S. Wallace be seated as the Delegate from Parker's Chapel.

Upon an invitation to visiting brethren to take seats with us, the following reported:

W. E. Sutton; S. S. Biddle; J. Jackson; S. Loftin; C. Rouse, from the Eastern Association.

The Moderator then proceeded to appoint the following Committees:

On Letters—R. Wooten, W. L. Bilbro, J. M. Hines, S. S. Biddle.

Finance—J. L. Battle, W. R. Croom, S. S. Wallace.

Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of La Grange Church.

Order of Business—C. Durham, J. C. Cox, S. S. Wallace.

Time and Place—R. Wooten, J. Jackson, J. L. Battle.

The committee on Business reported the following

Order of Business.

1st, Invitation to Visiting Brethren.

2nd, Appointments of Committees—on

1. Time and Place for next Session. 2. Nominations. 3. Letters. 4. Sabbath Schools. 5. Foreign Missions. 6. State Missions. 7. Education. 8. Periodicals.

3rd, Appointment of Messengers to Baptist State Convention and Sister Associations.

4th, Reports of Missionaries.

5th, Reports of Committees.

6th, Resolutions and Motions.

7th, Miscellaneous Business.

8th. Adjournment.

Motion to merge the committees on Letters and Finance —Carried.

A letter of Application for Membership from the Church at Williamston was read, and upon motion it was received as a constituent member of this body, and its Delegate, Elder C. J. Nelson, was welcomed to a seat.

On motion, it was resolved that the collection to be taken up, to-morrow, after the Missionary Sermon, be appropriated to the building of Elder Yates' Chapel in Shanghai, China.

An interesting letter from Elder Mark Bennett was then read and was listened to by a large audience. Some comments were made, whereupon it was moved and carried, that the discussion of the subject matter of Elder Bennett's letter be laid upon the table.

The committee on Letters made the following report, which, after amendment by the body, was adopted :

Report on Letters.

The Committee, on the Letters from the churches, beg leave to report—

That, The Letters indicate a decided improvement in the religious spirit prevailing in the churches during the past year. Some of the Churches are alive to every good work, and seem to be laboring for the promotion of Christ's Kingdom by preaching the word, by prayer meetings, by Sabbath Schools, and by taking religious publications. We advise all not thus engaged to follow the good example set them by their sister Churches. We know, however, that circumstances have much to do in all we undertake. Some of the Churches have no preaching, and we hope they will be soon supplied.

We advise the reception of the Church at Williamston as a member of this body.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. WOOTEN, Chairman.

The Committe on Time and Place for the next session of this body reported *Thursday before the 4th Sabbath in October*, 1872, as the time, and the Church at *Hancocks, Pitt County*, as the place.

The Moderator announced the following Committees to *report next year :*

1. *On Nominations*—C. Durham, J. H. Freeman, J. L. Battle.
2. *On Sabbath Schools*—S. S. Wallace, W. E. Sutton, C. Rouse.
3. *Foreign Missions*—J. H. Freeman, W. R. Croom, J. C. Cox.
4. *State Missions*—S. S. Wallace, A. Fields, S. Wooten
5. *Education* —C. Durham, W. L. Bilbro, A. D. Cohen.
6. *Periodicals*—S. S. Biddle, R. Wooten, C. Rouse.

Report on Foreign Missions.

Your committee report that next to a vigorous prosecution of the Home Mission Work, the Foreign field should engage the efforts, and the attention of Baptist. The field is ripe for the harvest, but the laborers are few ; let us pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers, that they may sow the seeds of Gospel truth in the field, which may in due time bring fruits to the honor of our God and King. Laborers cannot go without they are supported, and it behooves us to be up and doing, that the Talent the Lord has given us may increase. " The field is the world," let us therefore be the humble instruments, in the hands of God, of spreading the Gospel of Christ, by " giving such " " as the Lord has prospered us."

We recommend that earnest efforts be made by Pastors and churches to raise funds to keep in the Foreign field the men already there, and send others to occupy the waste places. Religious periodicals we recommend, as a means to be used to enlighten the masses ; we therefore recommend the Home and Foreign Journal, a monthly periodical published at Richmond, Va. We recommend the hearty support of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Respectfully submitted,
S. S. WALLACE, Chairman.

This report, on motion, was laid upon the table, to be made the special order at the meeting this afternoon.

Adjourned to 2 o'clock. Prayer by Elder S. S. Wallace.

(AFTERNOON.)

The Association was called to order at 2 o'clock, by the Moderator. After singing and prayer by J. Jackson, the report on Foreign Missions was taken from the table. Touching remarks were made by brethren Wallace, Durham and S. S. Biddle, when the report was adopted.

Report on State Missions.

Perhaps some may think that the Gospel in our own State is accessible to all, and if any section or neighborhood is destitute, it is their own fault. They could have the Gospel if they desired it, and if they fail to secure its high privileges, they are the responsible party. Such reasoning would apply with equal force to China, to Africa, or to any other heathen country. They could have the Gospel if they desired it ; but they do not desire it, nor do any people, destitute of its enlightening influences in the State or elsewhere, desire it.—Christ has imposed upon his people the obligation to preach the Gospel, not to those who desire it, but to every creature, and that without reference to the desires of the human heart.

The destitution in North Carolina is great. We can number within the limits of this State, many towns and villages, to say nothing of the country, totally destitute of the Gospel as it is preached by the Baptist. Now, with such vast destitution before us, your committee is of the opinion that all the churches of the State ought to feel a deep and an abiding interest in this department of christian labor ; but that the churches of this Association ought to be thoroughly alive to this work, and feel a peculiar interest in it because of the great destitution within our own bounds. About five hundred dollars have been expended by the State Mission Board in this Association during the past year, and a very small part of this amount has been paid by our churches. Besides providing for the old debts, the Board has had under appointment ten active and efficient Missionaries. These brethren have done a good work, but some of them have not yet been paid. Many places are asking for help, and if the means could be had, the number of appointments would be greatly increased.

The temporal prosperity of our beloved State, the truths of the Bible, as we hold them, the remembrance of the pit from which we have been digged, the worth of souls, the love and mercy of God, the sufferings and glory of our blessed Redeemer—all call upon us to exert ourselves and to redouble our efforts to give the Gospel to all the destitute of our State.

Respectfully submitted,

C. DURHAM.

After brief remarks by Elder Durham, the report was adopted.

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Your committee recommend that quarterly contributions be made to this object by all our churches, and the amount forwarded to Prof. W. B. Royall, Forestville, N. C.

Respectfully submitted,
J. L. BATTLE, Chairman.

There was an animated discussion of this report in which Brethren Cohen, Durham, Wallace and Biddle participated ; after which contributions were asked in aid of the Beneficiaries at Wake Forest, when the following pledges were promptly made :

Goldsboro—1 Box Provisions.

La Grange—C. Wooten, 100 lbs. Pork ; Mrs. R. L. Wooten, 1 Box Provisions ; R. L. Wooten, 1 Barrel Sweet Potatoes ; James M. Hines, 1 Box Provisions.

Tarboro—J. L. Battle, 1 Box Provisions.

Washington—1 Box Provisions.

Parker's Chapel—1 Box Provisions.

Williamston—C. J. Nelson, $10.00.

The report was then adopted.

Report on Periodicals.

Your committee on Periodicals beg leave to report—

That it is the duty of Christians, in all places, and under all circumstances, to promote the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To do this effectually, knowledge is necessary.—First, a knowledge of the condition of the Missionary field at home, and in the second place, of the Foreign Field. Most of our Church members are engaged at home in the pursuit of their secular business, and are expected to give of their substance to promote the success of the Gospel.

How shall this necessary knowledge be obtained at the least cost, and in the most reliable and efficient manner ? We answer the question, by recommending all our church members to subscribe to the Biblical Recorder, which keeps us well informed of the wants of our State in its various destitute sections, and also to the Home and Foreign Journal, published in Richmond, which gives all needful information with regard to the condition and future prospects of all onr Foreign Missionary operations.—For the Sunday School, we recommend Kind Words, published in Memphis, by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. These papers have been repeatedly recommended heretofore, and we must continue to urge our Brethren o read these papers, as we confidently believe that great good will accrue to every family where they are read.

Respectfully submitted,

SAM. S. BIDDLE Chairman.

Adopted.

Report on Sabbath Schools.

Your committee on Sabbath Schools submit the following :

In looking over the broad field of Christian enterprise, the Sabbath School stands prominent among the agencies for good. It has a direct influence upon the mind, and that mind of such character that every touch leaves its mark. It plants in the young mind principles of truth that grows with its growth, and strengthens with its strength; until finally awakened by the holy Spirit it germinates, and an immortal soul is saved.

The glory of this Institution is, that, it reaches all ranks and ages. It reaches out its hands of love to the poor neglected child of want; also, to the child of wicked, abandoned parents.—These are all brought within its hallowed influence, and often carry the truth home to those who never heard it before.

With these facts apparent, still, we are conscious there is a great neglect of Sabbath School instruction in our churches.—Many a member takes no interest in it. Many churches have no Sabbath School, and we fear that some pastors neglect their duty in this respect.

We believe that every church should have its Sabbath School, whether it has five or one hundred scholars. Our children in a christian land all need instruction, and more particularly religious instruction; which is the duty of us all.

Your committee recommend every Christian to lend a helping hand. Give your labour and prayers to this great enterprise, and see the benefits of your labour. We further recommend that this subject be kept before the people by your beloved ministers, and brethren generally.

All of which we respectfully submit,

C. J. NELSON, Chairman.

The committee on Finance reported $22.00 sent up for Associational purposes.

Received and adopted.

Committee on Nominations reported:

Introductory Sermon, Elder C. J. Nelson.

Denominational Sermon, Elder T. R. Owen.

Missionary Sermon, Elder C. Durham.

Report of C. J. Nelson as Missionary to the Pamlico Association, at its session with the church at La Grange, Lenoir county, N. C., Oct. 14th, 1871.

DEAR BRETHREN:

The harvest truly is plentious, but the laborers are few. Since our last meeting I have spent all my time at the following places, with the following results: Goldsboro, admitted by baptism, 24; Snow Hill, none; Greenville, 9; Washington, 3 by baptism, and 3 by letter; Williamston, organized a church with 6 members, received 2 by letter, 7 by baptism; Plymouth, 2 by baptism. Have preached at Cedar Branch, Hamilton, Reedy Branch, Clarkesville, Tarboro, Falling Creek, Post Oak, Johnston School House. Hope some good has been accomplished at those places. Bro. E. Allison was sent to our Association by the State Mission Board, and was with me about three months of the time, and Bro. Underwood was with me one month. I have assisted in the organizing of two new churches, one at Williamston, and one in Nash county. There is a prospect of organing two more new churches in Wayne county, one at Fremont or Nahunta, the other near Dudly Depot.

The following sums of money have been received and disbursed:

At last association from Wilson—

Battle,	$2 00
Mrs. P. Dancy,	1 00
Mrs. Bettie Peoples,	50
Mr. W. J. Battle,	1 00
Mrs. Fannie McNare,	2 00
Church at Greenville,	35 00
Washington,	46 53
Williamston,	27 50
Clarkesville,	15 00
Goldsboro,	40 00
Plymouth,	6 00
	$176 53

Paid Bro. Allison,	$112 50
" " Howerton,	20 93
" " Underwood,	13 00
" " Nelson,	30 10
	$176 53

At a recent meeting of your Board, they ordered that the pledges made by the Mosely Hall church two years since, amounting to $32 50, should be paid to me for past services, with the small balance in my hands last year, amount $9 84
Also amount received last year, 6 50

$16 34

So we have neither debt nor money on hand.

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. NELSON.

Report adopted.

Adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock this evening to finish up business. Prayer by Elder Wallace.

(NIGHT SESSION.)

Met according to adjournment. Moderator in the chair.—Singing and prayer by Bro. Bilbro.

The following resolutions were passed:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due to our brethren and friends at La Grange and its vicinity for their kind and generous hospitality towards us. Also, to the various Railroads for special favors granted.

Resolved, That Elders C. J. Nelson and C. Durham, and Bro. J. H. Privett be the Executive Committee for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That the churches of this Association be particularly requested to send their Delegates to meet on the day appointed, and thus save the important interests of this body from suffering material injury from delay in organization.

Resolved, That the churches which have not been represented here, and consequently, have not had the privilege of contributing to the wants of our young Ministers at Wake Forest, are hereby requested to make up boxes of provision and of clothing, and direct them to the care of Prof. W. B. Royall, Forrestville, N. C.

After remarks by Brethren Cohen, Wallace and Durham, adopted.

The following brethren were appointed as Delegates to the State Convention:

C. Wooten, C. Durham, J. L. Battle, C. J. Nelson, R. B. Saulsberry, and that any member of this body present at the Convention be allowed to represent us.

Messengers to sister Associations were appointed as follows:

Eastern—S. S. Wallace, J. C. Cox, R. L. Wooten, C. Wooten, and any member of this body be allowed to represent us there and elsewhere.

Tar River—T. R. Owen, J. A. Williamston, J. T. Lawrence.

Chowan—C. Durham, S. S. Wallace, R. B. Saulsberry, C. J. Nelson, W. L. Bilbro.

Elder Nelson was requested, by motion, to give us a more detailed account of his labors in this Association, than appears in his report. This he did to the entire satisfaction of this body, and awakened much interest in the destitution existing everywhere within our bounds.

It was then resolved, That, as the wants of this Association demand more Missionaries than we have funds to employ, therefore, the Churches be earnestly solicited to send up to the Executive Board, quarterly, liberal contributions, that they may be able to put more laborers into the field; and that the Executive Committee make an appeal to the State Board, and to the Union Meetings of the Eastern and

Chowan Associations to aid us in supplying the Gospel to the destitute within our borders.

Remarks by Wallace, Cohen, Nelson, and S. S. Biddle.

Adjourned.

C. J. NELSON, Moderator.

A. D. COHEN, Clerk.

On Sunday morning Elder C. Durham preached the "Missionary Sermon," to a crowded audience. Text, Ps. 43 : 3. "O send out thy light and thy truth."

Collection for Yates' Chapel, $25 00.

At 2 o'clock, Elder S. S. Wallace preached the "Denominational Sermon." Text, Eph. 4 : 5. "One Lord, one faith, one baptism." After which an appeal was made by Elder A., D. Cohen for State Missions.

Collection, $6 50.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE PAMLICO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. This body shall be known as the Pamlico Baptist Association of North Carolina.

2. This body shall be composed of delegates chosen annually by the churches, each church being entitled to three delegates, who shall bear a letter stating the present condition and progress during the past year; the names of their Pastors, Clerks and delegates; the number added by baptism and letter, both white and colored; the number excluded and deceased, also the number dismissed by letter; the number of Sabbath Schools and Bible classes; the amount contributed for benevolent objects, and whatevea may be for the interest of the body.

3. The Association shall appoint annually a Moderator, whose duty it shall be, to preserve order, nominate committees and conduct the business of the Association with dispatch. Also a Secretary and Treasurer, who shall serve during the pleasure of the body.

4. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men, by means of a preached gospel; the purity and activity of the churches, in wielding our influence, talent, and wealth, to the glory of God, and the salvation of sinners.

5. Each church will be expected to contribute according to their ability to support the preached gospel among them, to defray the incidental expenses of the churches at home, and the Association in printing her proceedings, and sustain all her benevolent operations.

6. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a faithful record of all the proceedings of the body, in a book provided for that purpose, and of the Treasurer, to receive, keep, and pay over all funds committed to his hands, promptly as ordered by the body.

7. It shall be the province of the Association to appoint a prudential committee to whom the consummation of any measure may be submitted, which committee shall be amenable for their official acts to the Association.

8. Churches may become members of this body by petition and recommendation upon an examination; and correspondence with other bodies shall be conducted by letter, and exchange of minutes, or the appointment of delegates as the body may dictate.

9. This Association will maintain fellowship with such churches only as maintain purity of doctrine, gospel discipline, and exercise a mutual watch and care over her members, and respect the Constitution of the Association.

10. This body will require of ministers credentials, or certificates of character and standing to be presented to the body or any church within its bounds, prior to reception in this body; and regard as valid the ordination of only such men as give evidence of a work of grace upon the heart, and as are called of God to preach the gospel, and are approved by some church particularly, and generally by the Association.

11. The annual meeting of this body shall be held at such time and place as the Association shall appoint.

12. The Association shall have a sermon annually, as the first business of the Association.

13. This constitution may be altered or amended by the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES' NAMES,	Baptised.	Rec. by Let.	Dis. by Let.	Excluded.	Deceased.	White.	Colored.	Total,	Min. Fund.	PASTORS and their Post Offices.	CLERKS. and their Post Offices.
Albermarle,	Not Represented,........										Samuel Alexander, Scuppernong,	
Conoconary,	J. R. Pope, * H. H. Rasberry, * E. P. Powell,*.	0	0	1	1	2	42	0	42	$ 3 00	T. R. Owen, Tarboro,	E. P. Powell, Enfield.
Greenville,	H. E. Nelson, * J. E. Clark, * J. P. Bernard, *	9	2	3	0	1	77	0	77	3 00	None.	L. W. Lawrence, Greenville.
Goldsboro,	Privett, Parker, * Hill, * Clark, * Humphrey, * Taylor * Durham,........................	22	2	9	5	0	98	0	98	4 00	C. Durham, Goldsboro.	J. M. Hollowell, Goldsboro.
Temp. Hall,	Not Represented,...........................											
Hancock's,	J. McGlohon, * J. C. Cox,..................	3	0	0	0	2	42	16	58	1 00	J. H. Freeman, Greenville.	John C. Cox, Greenville.
Halifax,	Not Represented,...........................											
La Grange,	R. L. Wooten, J. M. Hines, A. Fields, A. D. Cohen	0	0	3	0	2	47	0	47	4 00	A. D. Cohen, La Grange.	R. L. Wooten, La Grange.
Snow Hill †	W. R. Croom, Joshua Potter, *	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	16	1 00	J. W. Potter, Snow Hill.	Wm. R. Croom, Snow Hill.
Tarboro,	J. L. Battle, ...	0	0	0	0	2	16	0	16	2 00	None.	J. A. Williamson, Tarboro.
Washington,	W. L. Bilbro, W. A. Garrett * C. J. Nelson,....	5	2	0	0	0	37	0	37	2 00	C. J. Nelson, Goldsboro.	W. W. Thomas, Washington.
Zion †	Not Represented,...........................						51	0	51			
Williamston‡	A. J. Whitely * R. B. Saulsberry * C. J. Nelson,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 00		
	Absent, * † No statistics—give last report. ‡ New organization.	18	6	16	6	9	426	16	442	$22 00		

To the Delegates of the Pamlico Association :

DEAR BRETHREN :—

Do come up *punctually*, on *Thursday*, to the next Association. The few had to work so hard—come and give us *your* help.

A. D. COHEN.